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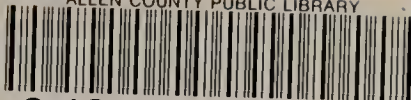
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AN HISTORICAL AND BIO-
GRAPHICAL SURVEY OF
THE ORIGIN, RISE AND
PROGRESS OF RHODE
ISLANDERS OF ITALIAN
BIRTH OR DESCENT

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THIS BOOK
WRITTEN IN A WARRING
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TO MY FELLOW CITIZENS
OF THE
GREAT AMERICAN REPUBLIC
WHOSE COOPERATION
AND GOOD OPINION
I CHERISH



Preface to the Second Edition

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In 1934 I was invited by the *Providence Evening Bulletin* to write a series of articles on "The Italian Towns and the Contributions of Their Immigrants to Rhode Island," and "Streets and Corners of Little Italy." I gladly accepted the invitation. The articles written for that great newspaper during 1934-1935 created widespread interest. In response to an increasing number of requests coming from all parts of the State as a result of those articles, I wrote my first book entitled "Italo-Americans of Rhode Island—Their Contributions and Achievements," which was issued in October, 1936. The favorable comment accorded to my first book, has inspired me to write this second edition.

This book is a brief, readable account of important events and contributions made by Americans of Italian descent or background in Rhode Island. It is the outgrowth of forty-eight years spent with the Italian people. It is the result of my education, experiences and association with them.

It is hoped that this modest publication will help towards creating among all the American peoples that unity and mutual understanding resulting from a common citizenship and common belief in the ideals of our great American Republic.

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August 1, 1940

**HISTORIC BACKGROUND
OF
ITALO-AMERICANS
OF RHODE ISLAND**

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COLUMBUS DAY

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**CHURCHES AND PASTORS
RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS**

DA VERRAZZANO, Giovanni

From recorded evidence we must give to Giovanni da Verrazzano, an Italian mariner of the sixteenth century, the credit for discovering our Narragansett region.

Although born an Italian, Verrazzano was, in his earlier years, a French corsair sailing under the assumed name of Juan Florin. Much as other nations may have desired to see him swing from a yard arm, the French King befriended him, won him away from his life "outside the law" and, recognizing him as a most able navigator, commissioned him to sail on a voyage of exploration to the New World. From that time he was done with his piratical "alias," Juan Florin, and took back his true name, Giovanni da Verrazzano.

In 1524 Verrazzano set out to discover for France a new route to Cathay, but like all those of his period who sailed westward hoping to reach the Orient, he found the American continent unexpectedly in his path, sighting land at some point on what is now the Atlantic seaboard of the United States. For a time he sailed up and down this coast in search of good anchorage and finally chose what his narrative stamps beyond question as the present New York harbor. After a short stay there he evidently devoted some little time to exploration of Long Island and then sailed to the east; probably between Long Island and the mainland.

Before coming to his next anchorage he sighted what is now known as Block Island. He, however, gave it the name Luisa in honor of the Dowager Queen of France.

His next stopping place was, beyond question, our Newport Harbor. Everything he has to say about this second interruption of the voyage points clearly to that fact. His account of the natives, their habits, the nature of

the country in which they lived, his statements regarding latitude and longitude, his description of the size, number, shape and location of the islands that dotted the great arm of the ocean into which he had sailed, all serve to build up a perfect identification of Newport harbor and Narragansett bay.

Verrazzano commented on the "tawney" complexion of the natives, their building of canoes by the hollowing out of logs through burning and scraping, their curious circular dwellings, their attempts to cure disease by the heat of fire, their habit of migration according to season, and many other points that tally perfectly with the later accounts of Adriaen Block and Roger Williams.

Verrazzano pictured these aborigines as friendly, and doubtless that report largely encouraged later comers to consider the Narragansett country as a good field for colonization.

We must, then, when considering the beginnings of Rhode Island, think back further than Roger Williams, but not so far as Erikson and Herjulfson, and fix our minds on the man who first gave the world dependable information about our corner of the earth,—the Italian da Verrazzano.

**THE EARLY BEGINNING OF
THE ITALO-AMERICANS
OF RHODE ISLAND**

The first known Italian to settle in Rhode Island was Joseph Carlo Mauran (Giuseppe Carlo Maurani), founder of the distinguished Mauran family in Rhode Island. A pioneer in a new country is always an interesting personage, and Joseph Carlo Mauran, who came here during the early colonial period, is an interesting personage. But Italy as an immigratory country was the last great nation to send its sons to these shores. If we except the first adventurous Italians who made their

way into these shores during the early colonial period, the earliest Italians were seamen from Genoa, like George Arduini; wandering harp players from Basilicata, like Frank Raia, Lorenzo Pennelli, Frank Gerardi and others; vendors of plaster statuaries from Tuscany, like the Mionis, the Vennettis, the Capronis and others; farmers from Capriati al Volturno and Prata Sannita, like the Marandola, Parrillo, La Fazia, Caruolo, Cappelli and others; groups of street organ players, specialized artists and the like. In other words, the early Italians who came here up to the 70's were a few isolated groups. Not till the 80's did Italians take a front place as an immigratory people. From the 80's until 1914 it contributed lavishly in augmenting the population of Rhode Island.

The Italian colony of Providence commenced life as a compact group about 1880 with immigrants mainly from Barga, Basilicata, Ciorlano, Capriati al Volturno, Fontegreca, Frosolone, Genoa, Lucca, Pietravairano, Prata Sannita, Raviscanina. They had settled on Spruce street, Acorn street, Cedar street and on Dean street; in the vicinity of Brayton avenue. Smaller groups appeared about the same time on Charles street, Eagle Park, Thornton, and some few farmers at Simmonsville.

It was in the struggling period of the 80's, at a time when they were poor, unknown, and misunderstood, and were met with suspicion, contempt and hostility when they landed here that the Societa di Unione e Benevolenza Italiana (Italian Union and Benevolence Society) was founded. It was established on January 8, 1881, and chartered on May 30, 1882. The history of this famous mutual aid and fraternal society is rooted with the early history of the establishing of the Italian colony in Rhode Island. Its founders were poor in this world's goods, but strong in

their faith and devotion to their new adopted country.

The early immigrants from Liguria, such as the Maurani, the Arduini, and the Calcagni (Cannon); and the early immigrants from Tuscany, such as the Mioni, the Iaccheri (Yockery), the Galeuzzi, the Vennetti, the Favale and the Piacentini, mixed easily with the Yankees and Celts and marriages took place.

The founders of the small Italian colony whose names are recorded here, and others whose names are unknown, were God-fearing men, simple and hardy, full of pluck and determination to succeed. They seemed to have been divinely chosen as the men most fit to lay the foundation of this great group of Italian-Americans, now an integral part of the citizenry of our beloved state of Rhode Island. These pioneers were Italians, from rural districts of Italy. They loved their native land, but being dissatisfied with economic conditions at that time prevailing in Italy, they withdrew from it and immigrated to the United States, the land of liberty. By their courage, sacrifice, industry and loyalty, they became American citizens and won a home in the land of Roger Williams, a sacred heritage, which they have passed on to their children.

These are some of the early pioneers who settled in Providence and vicinity around the late 70's and in the early 80's, who did a great deal in laying the foundation and to start their incoming fellow countrymen on the road to building up the present Italo-American community.

George Arduini (Ardoene), Ferdinando Avallone, Batastini, Bagaglia, Amico Barone, Antonio Barone, Frank Barone, Rocco Barone, Saverio Barone, Alberico Bucci, Cosmo Bucci, Vincenzo Bufalo, Luigi Burlando, Campanini, Cappalli, Cappelli, Caproni, Castronuovo, Castiglioni, Alfonso

Cambio, Lelio Caruolo, Cella, Corbi, Francesco Cardarelli, Calcagni (Canon), Nicola Caldarone, Catelli, Del Ponte, Frank Di Grado, Angelo De Pasquale, Giuseppe DeGrazia, Luigi De Luca, D'Acchioli, Di Iorio, Teodoro De Nicola, G. De Benedictis, Antonio De Angelis, Peter Del Matto, Delfino, Domenico Di Luglio, Domenico Ferrara, Luigi Ferri, Andrea Forloni, Andrea Festa, Angelo Frantunuono, Figallo, G. Gasperi, Thomas Gattone, Giusti, Frank Gerardi, Galeuzzi, G. Iannetta, Iacovone (Jackvony), Landi, Michael La Fauci, Thomas Mancini, Luigi Mainella, Melfi, G. Migliaccio, Louis Mioni, Peter Masso, Costantino Muccino, Marandola, Giovanni Maroelli, Antonio Mariani, John Marchi, Pasquale Mastrobuono, Alfonso Martellucci, Giacinto Pastilli, Pietro Pescatore, Luigi Piacentini, Pettine, Michele Pelosi, Leonardo Pennuzzi, Lorenzo Pennelli, Pasquale Picchione, Francesco Parrillo, Baldassare Parrillo, Oreste Rigali, Angelo Rossi, Felice Russillo, Giuseppe Russillo, Gennaro Russillo, Donato Russillo, Alfonso Ricci, Nicola Santangini, G. Schettini, Simonini, Henry C. Salandri, Ernesto Federico Scuncio, Pietro Spadaro, Frank Storti, Joseph Storti, Peter Storti, Vincenzo Storti, Michael St. Angelo, Leopoldo Tella (Taylor), Joseph Tuzio, Alfonso Tascia, Frank P. Ventrone, Antonio Vitale, Agostino Vitale, Vennetti, Vincenti, Domenico Votta, Pasquale Votta, Votolato, Zambarano, Pasquale Zoglio, and others whose names cannot be recalled.

MAURAN, Joseph Carlo

(Giuseppe Carlo Maurani)

The Mauran family is inseparably wrapped with the early history of Rhode Island. Giuseppe Carlo Maurani, ancestor and founder of the Mauran family in Rhode Island, was born

on June 3, 1748 in Villafranca in the Province of Nice, then a part of the Kingdom of Savoy in north western Italy.

About 1760 Mauran was sailing with a young relative in the Mediterranean Sea in a small vessel belonging to his uncle and bound for Sardinia, when the vessel was overhauled by a British man-of-war and the two boys were impressed into the British service as cabin boys. The other boy, whose name was Sucket, died of small pox. After about two years of captivity the ship on which Mauran was cabin boy came into New London Harbor. Young Mauran was in the bow of the boat that went ashore for water and as the boat touched the land he sprang out and ran to a field where some farmers drove the sailors away and helped him to make good his escape. He first came to Westerly, Rhode Island, where he found a home in the family of Daniel Maxon.

Leaving Westerly in 1768, Mauran went to Barrington (then a part of Warren) and entered the employ of Joshua Bicknell, a farmer. In 1772 Mauran married Mr. Bicknell's daughter Olive. She received at her marriage a parcel of land on the Barrington river just south of the old White Church, and there the Maurans built their house and made their home.

Mauran served with distinction in the war for American independence. In 1775 the Rhode Island General Assembly ordered the construction of two "row galleys" or gunboats, the "Washington" and the "Spitfire", each to carry sixty men, but afterwards reduced to fifty. In March 1776, Mauran then only 28 years of age, was placed in command of the Spitfire, which, with the Washington, had several engagements with the British. In April 1776, the two vessels were sent to New York to be placed under the

orders of General Washington, but soon returned.

The Washington was "blown up" in April 1777 but she was soon repaired and rigged as a schooner, and in June 1777 Captain Mauran was placed in command of her.

In May 1778, a body of British and Hessian troops attacked Warren and burned a number of boats, including the Washington which was undergoing repairs in the Kickemuit River east of the town. The British then went to Bristol and burned a number of houses but before they could destroy the entire village they were attacked by an armed force of Americans and driven back to their landing place. It is said that Captain Mauran played an important part in this engagement by bringing up a cannon which did heavy damage to the invaders. Later in the war Captain Mauran was in command of the privateer schooner *Weazle*, bearing letters of marque and reprisal from the Governor of Rhode Island.

After serving in the war, Captain Mauran was the master of various vessels in ocean commerce but finally retired from his sea-faring life and spent his later years in Barrington, where he died in his 65th year on May 1, 1813.

MAURAN, Joseph, M.D.

The son of Joseph Carlo Mauran (Giuseppe Carlo Maurani) and Olive (Bicknell) Mauran, was born in Barrington, R. I., December 22, 1796. He was of Italian descent on his father's side. His father was a native of Villafranca, near Nice, Italy.

Joseph Mauran was a graduate of Brown University, class of 1816. He studied medicine with Dr. Pardon Bowen, attended medical lectures in the Medical School of Brown University, and finished his course of study

at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York, which conferred upon him his degree in March, 1819. He devoted himself with great diligence and success to his profession, securing a very large practice in Providence and its neighborhood. He relinquished his practice entirely when he had reached the seventieth year of his age, and spent the greater part of his time in New York or at the South. During his long professional life in Providence, Dr. Mauran interested himself in many ways in departments of service connected with his profession. He was one of the consulting physicians of the Butler Hospital for the Insane, and a medical attendant at the Dexter Asylum. Twice he was elected President of the Rhode Island Medical Society. Of the college in New York which had conferred on him his degree, he was a Trustee. The present system of the Registration of Marriages, Births, and Deaths, and the office of Superintendent of Health, are due to his interest in everything that concerned the sanitary condition of Providence. He took a great interest in the founding of the Rhode Island Hospital.

He married in October, 1820, Sophia (Russell) Sterry, who died in August, 1854. Dr. Mauran died in New York City, June 8, 1873, in the seventy-seventh year of his age.

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D'ARCAIS, Guglielmo

A native of Sardinia, Italy, was a distinguished Italian scholar who visited the United States in the early 80's. He was a professor of the Italian language and literature at Brown University from 1885 to 1888. He was a close friend of the late Dr. V. L. Raia. James M. Gillrain, of the R. I. bar was one of his students at Brown. Following his resignation at Brown he went to California.

COLUMBUS DAY IN RHODE ISLAND

Columbus Day was celebrated for the first time in Providence on Friday, October 21, 1892, on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus.

The City and State paid a brilliant and impressive tribute to the discoverer of America. In the morning there was a military parade, which included school children from all the grammar and high schools.

In the afternoon there was an Italian parade, which included all the Italian societies existing at that time. A banquet, reception and dance were held in the evening at Infantry Hall.

The banquet was served under the direction of L. Burlando, the well known caterer of College street. During the banquet speeches were made exalting the achievements of Columbus. Included among the speakers were Michele Pesaturo, who in his opening address saluted Columbus as the first Italian immigrant to the New World, and Dr. V. L. Raia, who assured the State and City officials that the Italian immigrants then landing in these shores in large numbers would become loyal and useful American citizens. Mr. Pesaturo's little son, Ubaldo, recited an appropriate poem dedicated to the United States and Italy.

Some of the leading Italians who took an active part in that celebration were: John Caproni, Henry Caproni, Arthur R. Smith (Attilio Faltera), Alberico Bucci, Joseph Favali, L. Iaccheri, Michele Pesaturo, Frank Raia, Dr. V. L. Raia, Peter Simonini, V. Storti, P. Spadaro, Alfonso Cambio, Frank P. Ventrone and others.

The municipal celebration on that day in point of magnitude and perfection in detail, stands unrivaled in the annals of commemorative demonstrations.

It was not until 47 years later, that is, on Thursday, October 12, 1939, that Columbus Day was celebrated for the first time as a full legal holiday in Rhode Island.

The highlights of the celebration in Providence was a big parade in the afternoon, watched by thousands of spectators lining downtown streets, in which police estimated 4000 to 5000 marched. Prizes were awarded to the best floats and musical organizations in the parade and afterwards exercises were held on the State House steps, with Governor William H. Vanderbilt heading the list of speakers.

Other Parades

Woonsocket and Natick held parades in the morning and in Westerly there was a parade in the afternoon, while Newport observed the day with band concerts. The Order of the Sons of Italy and the Knights of Columbus conducted exercises at the Columbus monument, at Elmwood and Reservoir avenues, and numerous sports events marked the day.

Governor Gives Address

Governor Vanderbilt in his address at the State House reminded the audience of several hundred who gathered there that all in this country or their ancestors were immigrants, and whether they landed at Plymouth or Ellis Island all are Americans and instrumental in making this nation.

Other speakers were Mayor John F. Collins, Cav. Luigi Scala of the Order of Sons of Italy; Vincent Sorrentino, director of the Department of Social Welfare; former Governor Robert E. Quinn, John C. Tanner, District Deputy of the Knights of Columbus, and Erminio Migliori, chairman of the exercises, representing the Columbian Central Committee.

Frank P. Andreano, President of the Columbian Central Committee, took a bow after being introduced as the

"father of Columbus Day" by Alderman Frank Rao, master of ceremonies.

Mayor Collins, emphasizing that Columbus had a purpose and carried it out, recalled how the famous navigator had, upon landing on this continent, planted the cross as an evidence of his faith in the Almighty. The Mayor stressed the opportunities open to people today, compared to the time of Columbus, and said what the discoverer did for humanity must always be remembered.

Cav. Scala, who spoke in Italian, said that the nationality of Columbus did not much matter, "for the glory that he brought upon himself by his intrepid voyages and discoveries surpasses that of every man of his day and removes him from the mere sphere of a national figure to place him in the realm of those few great souls who have served humanity, revolutionized the life and the habits of the entire world, and laid the foundations of new civilizations that will perpetuate his name throughout time."

Mr. Sorrentino declared the discovery and subsequent settlement of America did much for the ideal of democracy, and it was doubtful if this idea would have been taken seriously had not America been discovered.

Gave Thanks to God

Columbus, declared former Governor Quinn, made the most memorable voyage in the history of the world, and the first thing the voyagers did when they landed was to kneel down and give thanks to Almighty God.

He said the significant thing about the American nation is that its people believe in God, democracy and religious liberty.

Mr. Migliori, speaking briefly, commended all who had waged the successful fight to have the day established as a full holiday.

Governor Vanderbilt, accompanied by his military aide, Lieut. Albert Carlotti, and Mayor Collins, who marched in the parade at the outset, dropped out of the line upon reaching City Hall and took their places on the reviewing stand.

Also leaving the line at City Hall were Alderman Rao, chairman, and members of the City Council committee on the Columbus Day observance.

On Reviewing Stand

Included among others on the reviewing stand were Aldermen John E. Duggan and Charles H. Eden; Councilmen James F. McCaffrey, Frank H. Brady, Thomas J. Tooney, Philip V. Marcus, Albert C. Rider, Walter E. O'Neil, A. Smith Mitchell, James F. Jackson, Alf R. Ferreira and Henry J. Donovan; former Councilman Paul D'Agenica, Commissioner of Public Works Thomas F. Coleman, Jr., Francis A. Chapman, chief clerk in the office of Governor Vanderbilt, and Representative Bernard I. McElroy.

Other members of the City Council in line near the lead as the parade got under way, serving as members of the honorary staff of Capt. Angelo Martella, chief marshal, were Alderman Thomas S. Luongo and Council President William C. Coleman, Councilmen Anthony Viola, Jr., Umberto Patalano, Stanley W. Phillips, Vincent A. Bucci and Ralph Matera. Deputy City Clerk Fred Colagiovanni, clerk of the Columbus Day committee, was in the group.

Others prominent in the large staff were Lieutenant Governor James O. McManus, Representative James H. Kiernan, U. S. Attorney J. Howard McGrath, Francis Chiaverini, former chief of the Division of Public Buildings, and Dr. Wasili Leps, director of the Providence Symphony Orchestra.



HOLY GHOST CHURCH

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The oldest and largest Italian parish in Rhode Island.

1889. Holy Ghost Church organized by Rev. Luigi Paroli, its first pastor.

1890. First edifice was blessed and dedicated on August 17, 1890.

1892. Rev. Antonio Franchi becomes pastor.

1894. Rev. Paolo Novati fills the

place held by Rev. Franchi. During the interval which elapsed between 1894-1905, was a period of intensive expansion and growth under Rev. Novati.

1901. Corner stone of the new Holy Ghost Church dedicated by Bishop Scalabrini of Piacenza.

1905. Rev. Domenico Belliotti becomes pastor.

1910. New temple of Holy Ghost opened to the public.

1920. Rev. Angelo Strazzoni becomes pastor.

1922. Rev. Flaminio Parenti became pastor of Holy Ghost Church in February, 1922.

Rev. Flaminio Parenti, present pastor of Holy Ghost Church was born in Piacenza, Italy, December 4, 1885. When eleven years old, he entered the College of Missionaries of San Carlo Boromeo, founded by Most Reverend Giovanni B. Scalabrini, Archbishop of Piacenza. Father Parenti was ordained to the priesthood on September 19, 1908, and for the following eight months he served as rector pro tempore of the college where he had studied.

The young missionary came to the United States in May 1909, and for more than eleven years discharged his mission with distinction at the church of The Madonna of Pompeii in New York City. In 1920 he became acting pastor of St. Michael's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, and later, in that same year, he was appointed pastor of the church of San Bartolomeo in Providence, Rhode Island.

Father Parenti has been pastor of the Holy Ghost parish since February 1922. His parishioners cannot adequately express in words the deep affection that they entertain for him because of his untiring efforts in the cause of their spiritual and material welfare. He has led them to renewed faith in the religion of their forefathers, which, from the See at Rome, spreads eternally the gospel of truth, love and justice throughout the world.

During his pastorate, Father Parenti has reorganized existing church societies and founded new ones. The Holy Name Society, The Children of Mary, the societies of St. Agnes, St. Aloysius, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Ann's, The

Immaculate Conception, The Junior Holy Name, The Sunday School Teachers, and the Catholic Club have flourished under his able guidance.

Upon being named pastor of the Holy Ghost parish, Father Parenti immediately began to improve and add to the property of the parish. While restoring the church in July 1922, he purchased property on Ridge street, which, by June 1923, became the Holy Ghost Parochial School, with accommodation for instruction up to the sixth grammar grade. Three class-rooms were added to this school building in May 1925, thereby making it possible for the children of the parish to secure a full junior high school education.

In May 1927, Father Parenti began erecting a new rectory, and, while this work was going on, he modernized the entrance and doors of the church. The rectory was finished in December of that year. But, these substantial undertakings were still inadequate for the full accomplishment of his purposes. Shortly thereafter he provided an ample and comfortable home on church property immediately adjoining the school for the good sisters, who devote their lives in imparting an American education under the fostering light of the Catholic religion.

In 1939, the 50th anniversary of the Holy Ghost parish, Father Parenti refinished the whole interior of the church in marble and with artistic mural paintings. A beautiful marble altar, donated by Mr. Michael A. Gammino, is being constructed in Italy and will be installed as soon as it reaches Providence.

In 1930, Father Parenti received the decoration of Chevalier of the Crown from the King of Italy. He is serving with zeal, character and loyalty the Church of the Holy Ghost.

HOLY GHOST MARKS GOLDEN JUBILEE

The golden jubilee of Holy Ghost Church, Atwells avenue and Knight street, "mother church" in this diocese of upward of 100,000 residents of Italian extraction, was observed on Sunday, November 19, 1939, by Most Rev. Francis P. Keough, D.D., Bishop of Providence, who pontificated at a Solemn High Mass of Thanksgiving in that church.

Bishop Keough was given an enthusiastic reception by hundreds who lined the way from the rectory to the church, to witness the religious processions before and after Mass. Scores knelt to receive Bishop Keough's blessing and to kiss his ring during the ceremony. Four pages, dressed in velvet uniforms, held the bishop's cope as he passed on his way to church.

The guard of honor, led by Associate Justice Antonio A. Capotosto of the State Supreme Court, included former Secretary of State Liuis W. Cappelli, Alderman Thomas S. Lungo, Antonio Di Folco, Joseph Gattone, Dr. William P. D'Ugo, Dr. Vincent J. Oddo, Dr. Salvatore Castallo, Michael A. Gammino and Henry Ise.

Guests of the pastor, Rev. Flaminio Parenti, included Dr. Vincenzo Verderosa, acting Italian vice consul, representing the Italian government.

Rev. Nazzareno Properzi, of Boston, provincial superior of the Scalabrinian order, which founded and still maintains the church, delivered the sermon in which he reviewed the 50 years' service of the parish. Congratulations were sent by Raffaele Cardinal Rossi, superior general of the Scalabrinian Order.

The Apostolic Benediction, transmitted by the Apostolic Delegate, was read by Rt. Rev. Msgr. P. E. Blessing, D.D., V.G.

At the conclusion of the Mass the

Bishop addressed the congregation congratulating the pastor and the parishioners on the completion of fifty years of parish life. He praised the faith of the original parishioners and urged the same spirit of loyalty and devotion on the part of the present generation of parishioners.

Assisting the Bishop were Rt. Rev. Msgr. P. E. Blessing, D.D., V.G., assistant priest; Rev. Austin O'Toole and Rev. James R. Bartley, deacons of honor; Rev. Arnaldo Vanoli, P.S.S.C., deacon of the Mass; Rev. Louis B. D'Aleno, sub deacon of the Mass; Rev. Peter Gorret, P.S.S.C., thurifer; Rev. Domenic Chechia, O.F.M., boat bearer; Rev. Cesare Schettini and Rev. Beni Di Mascolo, acolytes; Rev. Albert Leveille, mitre bearer; Rev. T. D. Oliveira, crosier bearer; Rev. John L. Drury, book bearer and Rev. Raphael Larcher, P.S.S.C., gremiale bearer.

The musical program:

Pontifical Mass Processional, Ecce Sacerdos Magnus, G. Camilloni Mass dedicated to the Holy Ghost, Veni Sancte Spiritus, G. Camilloni; Introito, Graduale, Offertory and Communion, Proper of the Mass.

The choir of 25 voices was augmented by four string instruments. Choir members: Mrs. Joseph Ricci, Mrs. Joseph Impagliazzo, Mrs. Thomas Ricci, the Misses Rose Querceto, Evelyn Sarcione, Josephine Garzone, Catherine Spirito, Palmina Trabucco, Angelina Simone, Josephine Langella, Columbia DiNardi, Amelia Urciuoli, Adele Gonnella, Albert Martellucci, Alderico Caruolo, Anthony Meola, Vincent Calitri, Armando Mauro, Henry Quaranto, Vincent Marinosci, Thomas Ricci, Joseph Impagliazzo, Alfred Ise, Joseph Regine, Luigi Ruggieri. Choir under direction of Miss Adele A. Gonnella, organist.

Among those taking part were Oreste Di Saia, church trustee and architect, who designed the renovations; Gi-

orgio De Felice, artist, who painted the murals; Prof. Victor Zucchi, who designed the indirect lighting system, and Salvatore Chiappinelli, benefactor and trustee.

Ushers were Ralph D'Atri, John Marotta, Francis Monti, Dr. Charles Spacagna, Robert C. Laurelli, Ugo Gasbarro, Anthony Tarro, Stanley Monti, Philip Leonelli, Joseph Ricci, Fred Brosco, John Vingi, Catello Sorrentino and Eleuterio Simonelli.

ST. ANN'S CHURCH

One of the greatest Italian churches in New England.

1895. Through the efforts of Rev. Paolo Novati, Pastor of Holy Ghost Church, St. Ann's Mission was organized. Rev. Triolo was named as curate, who remained there in charge until 1901.

1901. Rev. Anthony Bove was placed in charge on December 6, 1901.

1906. The mission was declared a parish.

1907. Rev. Anthony Bove was appointed its first pastor

1909. Corner stone of the present church was laid.

1910. The new church dedicated by Bishop Harkins.

1917. A large parochial school was dedicated by Most Rev. John Bonzano, Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

1931. Mgr. Anthony Bove died in his full maturity on December 14, 1931.

1933. Rev. Beni Di Mascolo, was appointed pastor on February 24, 1933 becoming the successor of the late Mgr. Bove.

Rev. Beni Di Mascolo, present pastor of St. Ann's Church, was born in Itri, Province of Rome, Italy, April 4, 1896, the son of Gaetano and Maria Civita (Cardi) Di Mascolo. In the United States since 1904. Educated at La Salle Academy (gr. 1915);

St. Charles' College, Baltimore, Md., (gr. 1917); St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, N. Y. (gr. 1921); Seminario Maggiore, Rome, Italy. Ordained in Rome by H. E. Cardinal Pompili, March 31, 1923. Pastor, St. Ann's Church, Providence, since February 24, 1933.

Formerly assistant with Mons. Cav. Uff. Anthony Bove at St. Ann's Church, 1924-27 and pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Woonsocket, R. I., 1927-33. Organized the only Italian Church in Woonsocket; built there a new beautiful church and rectory; led that Italian community to a high standard of religious, educational and social life; was preparing to provide that progressive community with a convent of Italo-American Sisters and a Parochial school when promoted to his present position. In his new parish he continued and developed the splendid work of his predecessor; improved the building and properties of the Parish; increased and expanded its organization; started and encouraged a new youth movement; founded the Bove Memorial as a social center; fostered all kinds of patriotic endeavors; promoted the teaching of the Italian language to the children of his Parish.

A leader in all civic and patriotic movements, and his unselfish devotion to his parish has brought stupendous rewards in growth and progress, and won him a high place in the esteem of the community.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH

On Brayton avenue and Spruce street.

1920. Holy Ghost parish was divided by Rt. Rev. Bishop Hickey and the new parish of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel was established.

1920. Rev. Nicola Armento was appointed first pastor. For three months

he celebrated Holy Mass in the basement of the Cathedral.

1921. Bishop Hickey purchased the Benevolence Hall on the corner of Spruce street and Brayton avenue, as a site for the erection of a new church.

1921. Masses were said in the new temporary church.

1925. The corner stone for this new church was laid with appropriate ceremonies on April 26, 1925. His lordship Bishop Hickey, presiding.

1925. The new church was dedicated on July 12, 1925, by Bishop Hickey.

1930. Rev. Louis D'Aleno was appointed pastor in April, 1930.

Rev. D'Aleno, the present pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, was born in Providence, on February 3, 1897, the son of Michele and Teodolinda (Leonelli) D'Aleno, both natives of Frosolone, Province of Campobasso, Italy.

Father D'Aleno was educated in the Providence public schools, La Salle Academy, St. Charles' College, Catonsville, Md.; St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md.; Seminario Pontificio Romano Maggiore, Rome, Italy. Ordained at St. John the Lateran, Rome, April 19, 1924. In 1928 he was appointed administrator of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, and in April, 1930, became its pastor.

Father D'Aleno is serving with sincerity and devotion, and is much beloved by the people of his parish.

CHURCH OF MADONNA

DEL CARMINE, Bristol, R.I.

1916. Rev. Joseph Poia, belonging to the pious congregation of Saint Carlo, first established the Church of Madonna Del Carmine in Bristol, on November 1, 1916.

1917. The first Mass was cele-

brated in an improvised church on January 7, 1917.

1931. Rev. Giuseppe Sorzana, a native of Cuneo, Italy, appointed pastor. He has held the pastorate ever since.

Bristol has 3400 Italo-Americans. They now have a beautiful and spacious church in the vicinity of the park. Rev. Sorzano as pastor of the Church of Madonna Del Carmine has established in connection with his church a number of well developed religious activities: Holy Name Society, 240 members; Holy Rosary Society, made up of women, 200 members; Altar Society, 65 members; St. Rita Club, 50 members; Daughters of Mary, 40 members.

Rev. Sorzana has spent nine years in Bristol, a beautiful and historical town containing a large Italian population. The Church of Madonna Del Carmine in Bristol, is without doubt, one of the most important Italian parishes in Rhode Island, and Father Sorzana deserves a great deal of credit for work which he has done in bringing it to its present flourishing stage.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, Westerly, R.I.

The Italian people of Westerly constitute a group numerically very important, representing more than one-third of its entire population. The current of Italian population in that part of Rhode Island started in the late 80's and reached its peak during the World War. Most of the immigrants were from Calabria, a few from Lombardy, Avellino and Sicily.

In 1907 the Italians had augmented to such a degree as to receive the attention of the superior of the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Westerly, which church was first to inaugurate a decisive and practical project

for the spiritual welfare of the Italians of Westerly. This plan took shape in appointing the first duly authorized Italian priest, now as then under the caption of the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Rev. Henry Bruno, S.M., the first Italian priest ever to work among his people of Westerly, was born at San Martino Di Rosignano, Province of Alessandria, Italy, August 22, 1879, the son of Pietro and Ermelinda (Miglietta) Bruno. His education has been the following: Marist Apostolic School, at Cavagnolo, Province of Turin, Italy, 1896-1899; Marist Novitiate, at Lyons, France, 1900-1902; Marist College, Washington, D. C., 1903-1906; St. Mary's College, Van Buren, Maine 1906-1907.

He was ordained to the priesthood in the Church of St. Bruno at Van Buren, Maine, on May 1, 1907. After his ordination he was assigned as assistant pastor to the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Westerly, R. I., and placed in charge of its large and growing Italian population. He has held this position ever since.

Since assuming the permanent care of the spiritual welfare of the Italians of Westerly, the Italian section of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, has made extraordinary progress. The parish now contains nearly 3800 Italians and nearly 200 children of Italian extraction attend its Sunday school. Rev. Bruno's activities are not confined to the ordinary routine work of a parish priest. He has established a number of well developed religious societies and clubs for all purposes: Society of Madonna Del Carmine, for men. Society Delle Madri Cristiane, for women; Society Di Santa Teresa Del Bambino Gesu, for young ladies; Circolo Missionario, for both men and women, devoted to the advancement of foreign missions.

Rev. Bruno has spent nearly 33

years serving the Italians of Westerly, and he is highly esteemed both within and without his own parish, and in a progressive, public-spirited way aids in the betterment of the community.

VENERINE, MAESTRE PIE

Many Catholics of Rhode Island, have little knowledge of the numerous and varied activities of the Italian Catholic Schools. To our non-Catholic brethren it is hardly known. It seems proper and fitting that those who are interested in the educational progress and growth of our youth should be acquainted with the accomplishments of twenty-five years by the nuns of the Maestre Pie Venerine of St. Ann's Parochial School.

The Religious Order of the Maestre Pie Venerini has had a very distinguished and unusual history. It was founded in Italy back in 1685 by Mother Rosa Venerini. Her purpose was the education of poor girls who at that time were denied the benefit of a public school education.

On January 19, 1914, the late Monsignor Bove opened a "Day Nursery" and placed the nuns of the Maestre Pie Venerini in charge of it. On January 28, 1917, a majestic Parochial School was also erected by the late Monsignor Bove, and the nuns of the Maestre Pie Venerini were placed in charge of the teaching of the Italian language.

In the short space of twenty-five years, the sisters of the Pie Venerini have achieved a wonderful success in promoting religious and moral training among the Italian youth of St. Ann's parish.

When Monsignor Bove started the work in 1914, it was in charge of Mother Superior Augusta Setaccioli. It is now headed by Mother Superior Santina Funchini, ably assisted by five nuns of the Religious Order. In 1940 nearly

150 students received instruction in the Italian language. The "Day Nursery" had an attendance of nearly 50 children.

The splendid work of these nuns of the Maestre Pie Venerini find recognition in the deep love of their students and the mere knowledge that because of their work they are better men and women than they might otherwise have been.

ITALIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES in Rhode Island

1. Holy Ghost, Federal Hill section, Providence.
2. St. Ann's, North End section, Providence.
3. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Federal Hill section, Providence.
4. St. Rocco, Thornton.
5. St. Bartolomeo, Silver Lake section, Providence.
6. Madonna Delle Grazie, Man-
ton.
7. St. Alexander, Warren.
8. Holy Angels, Barrington.
9. Madonna Del Carmine, Bristol.
10. Sacro Cuore, Natick.
11. Madonna Di Loreto, East
Providence.
12. St. Maria Della Civita, Cran-
ston.
13. St. Antonio, Woonsocket.
14. Immaculate Conception, West-
erly.

FIRST ITALIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

The first Italian Baptist Church in the North End section, was founded as early as 1897 by Giacomo Prata, Andrea Triangolo, Catello Triangolo, Giovanni Triangolo, Domenico De Meo, Almerindo Volpe, Elviro Volpe, Nicandro Campopiano.

The first edifice was built in 1902 on Marietta street. The present edifice was built in 1925 on Charles street.

During these forty-three years of existence, the First Italian Baptist Church has had nine pastors. The first pastor was Rev. Vincenzo Di Domenica. He was followed by Rev. Raffaele Galasso, Rev. Giovanni Allegri, Rev. Giuseppe Buggelli, Rev. Angelo Peruzzi, Rev. Giovanni Di Tiberio, Rev. Francesco Cali, Rev. Francesco Sannella, who came to Providence in 1924, resigned on May 31, 1939.

Rev. Sannella after a fruitful pastorate of fifteen years, resigned on January 15, 1939, and was made pastor-emeritus by the congregation. In addition to his church activities, for some time he was editor of the English section of *L'Aurora*, national weekly newspaper of the Italian Baptist Church in America.

Rev. Sannella's career has been a long and honorable one. Unselfish devotion to his church has brought rich rewards in growth and progress, and the congregation of the First Italian Baptist Church acknowledges its debt to its retired beloved pastor.

In September, 1939, Rev. Sannella was succeeded by Rev. Arturo Ventura, who comes from Waterbury, Conn., in which city he has ably filled the pulpit of the Italian Baptist Church for twenty-two years. He is beloved by his congregation, and highly esteemed by those outside his church who are familiar with the work he is doing for his countrymen.

The church has now a membership of more than 170 Italians, and a Sunday School of 120 children of Italian parentage.

Miss Angela De Palma is church secretary; Domenico Di Meo, treasurer; Miss Esther Di Meo, financial secretary; Catello Triangolo is superintendent of the Sunday School; Allie Volpe, assistant superintendent of the Sunday School; Agostino Capaldi is moderator. Deacons: Catello Triangolo, Dr. Francesco Sannella, Pasquale

Di Meo, Gaetano Germani. Deaconesses: Mrs. Anita Triangolo, Mrs. Maria De Cesare, Mrs. Vincenza Pratt, Miss Valia Volpe.

BROADWAY ITALIAN METHODIST CHURCH

The Broadway Italian Methodist Church originated in 1900 and was organized in the same year. It has maintained a continuous existence from that time.

Mascellaro who served from 1915 to 1918; Rev. Vincent Ambrosini who served from 1918 to 1922; Rev. David Acquarone served from 1923 to 1927; Rev. Vincent Del Rosso, who came to Providence from Philadelphia in 1927.

Under the pastorate of Rev. Del Rosso, the church has moved on Broadway, where it occupies the beautiful edifice formerly held by the Broadway M. E. Church. The various church activities are vigorous, and there is every



BROADWAY ITALIAN METHODIST CHURCH

The first pastor was Rev. Agide Pirazzini, who came here in 1900 from Rome, Italy. For a while he conducted a mission at the corner of Atwells avenue and America street. He was succeeded in 1903 by Rev. Philip Manfre, who came here from Palermo, Italy, and lost his life in the sinking of the Larchmont, in March, 1907. He was followed by Rev. John May who served up to 1915; Rev. Edward

prospect for an increasingly bright future. The church has now a membership of more than 100 Italians and a Sunday School of more than 100 children of Italian parentage.

The Huguenot Society, founded by the members of this church on January 1, 1927, was organized for the purpose of promoting Christian brotherhood, to foster liberty of conscience, and to bestow mutual aid in time of sickness and

need. The membership of this organization is made up of protestant brethren and sympathizers of Italian descent.

The trustees of this church are Michael Conca, Tommaso Lobello and Frank Del Deo.

Since his coming to Providence, Rev. Del Rosso has devoted his full energy and his distinguished ability to the development of his work, with the result that the Broadway Italian Methodist Church is, without doubt, one of the most flourishing Italian Protestant churches. He has endeared himself greatly to all the members of his church, as well as to the community at large, and is highly respected and loved by all who know him.

FEDERAL HILL ITALIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

The Federal Hill Italian Baptist Church was organized by Mimi C. Marseglia, Ferdinando Coppola, Eugenio Cilento, Antonio Norcia, Michele La Fauci, Antonio Feola and others.

The first edifice was dedicated in 1904 on Dean street. Its first missionary and founder of the work was Rev. Mimi C. Marseglia. As a church it was organized by Rev. John Di Tiberio in 1919. The new edifice on Knight and Tell streets was dedicated in 1924 by Rev. John Di Tiberis.

During its existence, the Federal Hill Italian Baptist Church has had five pastors. The first was missionary Rev. Mimi C. Marseglia who served up to 1909; Rev. Angelo Peruzzi served up to 1913; Rev. John Di Tiberio served up to 1929; Rev. Enrico Re served up to 1936; Rev. John Di Tiberio was again called by the congregation in 1936 and is still serving to the general satisfaction of its members.

The church has a large congregation and a flourishing Sunday School. There is also a very active Young People's Society.

Santo Cardullo is the church moderator; Stellario Savasta, treasurer; Andrea Cerullo, recording secretary; John M. La Fauci, financial secretary.

During his long pastorate, Rev. Di Tiberio has proven himself to be an able leader and an executive of force and ability. He is known throughout Federal Hill as one of the most active pastors that ever labored here, and his devotion to his work has brought him the admiration and love of his congregation.

ITALIAN UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, East Providence

The First Italian United Presbyterian Church of East Providence was organized in 1910. The edifice was dedicated in 1920. Its founders were Luigi Di Manna, Remo Di Manna, Raffaele Paparella, Antonietta Guerra, Angiolina Caldarone, Pasquale Caldarone, Giovanni Pagano and many others.

Its first pastor was Rev. Virgilio Guerra. He was followed by Rev. O. Pampana, Rev. Samuele Merlo, Rev. Timothy E. Zucchi, who came to assume the pastorate on November 7, 1927.

In addition to its regular Sunday services, the church has a Bible class; a Sunday school; the Young People's Christian Union for the study of the Bible; the "Tabita Club" for women and young women, designed to promote the welfare of the church and help the poor; the Young People's Club, for the promotion of cultural knowledge.

Miss Mary Zucchi is the superintendent of Sunday school. The deacons and members of the financial committee are the following: Mrs. Lena Calderone, Miss Mary Zucchi, Angelo Pagano, Aquilino Del Forno, Alfred Calderone.

Rev. Zucchi, the present pastor has richly earned the sincere respect with which he is regarded by his people, and also of the community in which his church is located.

GIUNTA, Dr. Henry C.

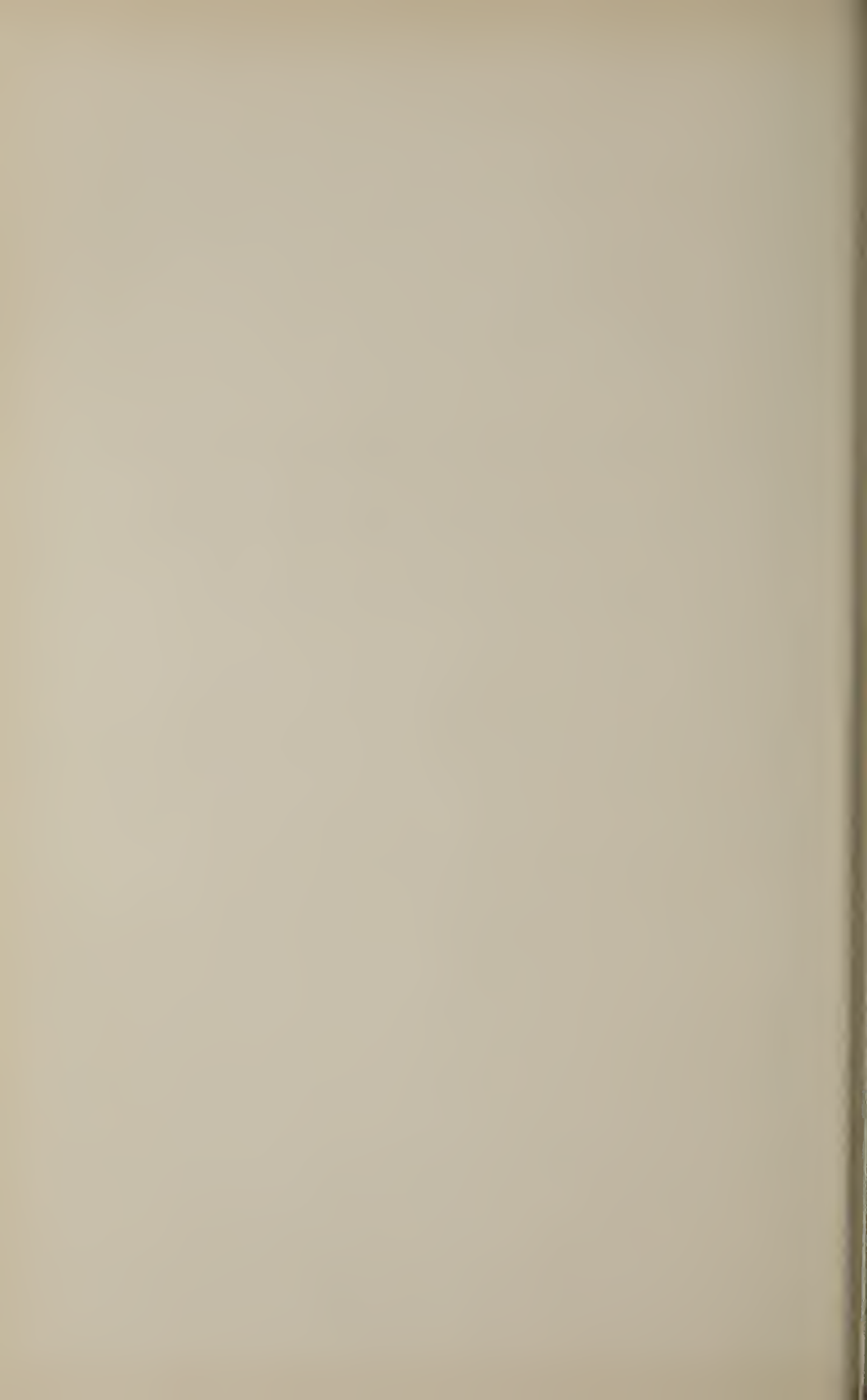
Dr. Henry C. Giunta, Protestant clergyman; born in Sicily. As a small boy, the future preacher was brought

to the United States by his parents who settled in Boston. He was educated wholly in the United States.

Rev. Giunta came to Providence from Massachusetts two or three years ago to become pastor of the Providence New Church, on Trinity Square, the first Italo-American in Rhode Island ever to hold the pastorate of an American Protestant Church.

**The Rise of the Italo-Americans
in Agriculture, in Industry
and in the Professions**





ITALO-AMERICANS IN THE DENTAL PROFESSION

The earliest Italo-American dentists were Dr. Rocco De Feo, Dr. Angelo De Conti, Dr. Vincent De Conti, Dr. Saverio N. Pennine. Now there are some thirty dentists of Italian descent. The list includes the following: Dr. Anthony Balzafore, Dr. Ernest E. Capobianco, Dr. Joseph A. Capone, Dr. Vincent Cenci, Dr. Charles V. Caldarone, Dr. Alfred Coletti, Dr. Louis J. Correra, Dr. William F. De Cesare, Dr. Angelo De Conti, Dr. Vincent De Conti, Dr. Rocco De Feo, Dr. Stanley De Rita, Dr. Armand R. Famiglietti, Dr. Raymond Lapolla, Dr. Maria R. Leccese, Dr. Vincent Mattera, Dr. Michael B. Messoro, Dr. Nicholas Migliaccio, Dr. Saverio N. Pennine, Dr. Eugene Ricci, Dr. Francis M. Sannella, Dr. Paul H. Sollitto, Dr. Charles A. Spacagna, Dr. Albert E. Turcone and others.

ITALO-AMERICANS IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

The first Italo-American lawyer was Antonio A. Capotosto who came to Providence from Boston in 1905. The second was Anthony V. Pettine, a native of Isernia, who was admitted in October, 1907. He was followed by Pasquale Romano and Benjamin Cianciaruolo, both natives of Basilicata, who were admitted in 1912; Luigi De Pasquale, a native of Providence, was admitted in 1914; Joseph Venezia, a native of Isernia, was admitted in 1915; Raphael Vicario, a native of Aversa, was admitted in 1917; Louis V. Jackvony, a native of Providence, was admitted in 1917. There are now some seventy-five lawyers of Italian descent. The list in Rhode Island includes the following: Stephen F. Achille, Michael Addeo, Harold C. Arcaro, Angelo A. Calda-

rone, Frank C. Cambio, Thomas J. Capalbo, Luigi Capasso, Joseph Capasso, E. A. Capomacchio, Antonio A. Capotosto, Francis Cappalli, Lucien Capone, Albert F. Cappelli, Louis W. Cappelli, Hugo G. Caroselli, Francis Castrovillari, Angelo Cianciaruolo, Bennie Cianciaruolo, V. P. Colavecchio, Alfred D'Amario, Vincent A. D'Atri, Michael De Ciantis, Luigi De Pasquale, D. Thomas De Simone, Florie De Simone, Antonio S. Di Cola, John Di Libero, Henry R. Di Mascolo, John H. Di Stefano, Edward C. Drinkwater, Arthur Falcone, Francis J. Fazzano, Herman D. Ferrara, William A. Gammino, Ugo Gasbarro, Edward Geremia, Robert Gonnella, Emilio D. Iannuccilli, Louis V. Jackvony, Daniel Lapolla, Joseph Mainelli, Francis A. Manzi, Thomas L. Marcaccio, V. P. Marcaccio, Lisimaco Moni, Francis A. Monti, Michael A. Monti, Alfred E. Motta, John A. Notte, Jr., Thomas J. Paolino, Santi J. Paul, John O. Pastore, U. Pettine, John Quattrocchi, Jr., Antonio Romano, Pasquale Romano, Ralph Rotondo, Albert A. Soriero, Amedeo A. Susi, Albert R. Tavani, Carl Testa, Raphael Vicario and others.

ITALO-AMERICANS IN THE MEDICAL PROFESSION

The first medical practitioner of Italian descent in Rhode Island was Dr. Joseph Mauran, a native of Barrington, son of Giuseppe Carlo Maurani, who came here from Villafranca, near Genoa, Italy, in 1760. The first Italian medical practitioner to come here from Italy was the late Dr. Vito L. Raia, who died in 1938. Among other physicians were Dr. Ferdinando Cerbo, who came here from Pietra Vairano in 1895, and returned to Italy in 1927; Dr. Prisco, who came here in 1898, and went to

New York in 1901; Dr. Salvatore Castallo, who came here from Prata Sannita in 1901; Dr. D. N. Golini, who came here from Capriati al Volturno in 1902, and died while on a visit to Italy in 1913; Dr. Luigi Maiello, now State Senator from Providence, who came here from Naples in 1903; Dr. G. Carella, who came here from Marzano Appio in 1903, and returned to Italy in 1930; Dr. Pasquale Conca, who came here from Marzano Appio in 1905, and died in Providence in 1935; Dr. Ignazio Verde, who came here from Ischia in 1906; Dr. Tito Angeloni, who came here from Rocchetta al Volturno in 1906; Dr. Fedele U. Luongo, who came here from Tufo in 1913; Dr. Pio Giannini, who came here from Venafro in 1923; Dr. Francesco Loforte, who came here from Palermo in 1922; Dr. Giovanni Castaldi, who came here from Ischia in 1926; Dr. Francesco Ronchese, who came here from Treviso in 1928; Dr. Vincenzo Di Santo, who came here from San Giovanni Incarico in 1929; Dr. Luigi Scotti, who came here from the island of Ischia in 1933.

Italo-Americans have particularly distinguished themselves in the medical profession. While the greatest majority of them are members of regular medical societies, they have also formed an Italian-American medical society, the Malpighi Medical Club, founded on May 8, 1929. Its primary purpose is the diffusion of medical knowledge among its members and to share community obligations.

The present officers of the Malpighi Medical Club are the following: Dr. Rocco Abbate, President; Dr. George Bellano, Vice-President; Dr. Vincent A. Cianci, Secretary; Dr. Arthur Rattenni, Treasurer.

There are now in Rhode Island more than 100 physicians of Italian descent. The list of names include

the following: Dr. Rocco Abbate, Dr. E. Addonizio, Dr. F. B. Agnelli, Dr. Tito Angeloni, Dr. Angelo Archetto, Dr. Michael Arciero, Dr. George Bellano, Dr. Joseph L. Belliotti, Dr. John R. Bernardo, Dr. Anacleto Berrillo, Dr. Armando A. Bertini, Dr. Antonio Bellino, Dr. E. J. Bernasconi, Dr. Virginio Bertone, Dr. C. Paul Bruno, Dr. Alfred A. Caldaroni, Dr. Domenico Calise, Dr. Giovanni Castaldi, Dr. Mario A. Castallo, Dr. Salvatore Castallo, Dr. Joseph Castronovo, Dr. Louis J. Cella, Dr. Louis C. Cerrito, Dr. George Cerio, Dr. John R. Cicchetti, Dr. Vincent A. Cianci, Dr. Mary B. Corcione, Dr. Anthony Corvese, Dr. Giovanni Capobianco, Dr. P. P. Ciarla, Dr. E. Arthur Catullo, Dr. Alfred C. Conte, Dr. Gerald J. Curreri, Dr. Antonio F. D'Angelo, Dr. Francis A. De Cesare, Dr. Americo Del Selva, Dr. Ralph Di Leone, Dr. Palmino Di Pippo, Dr. Vincenzo Di Santo, Dr. B. G. De Fusco, Dr. William P. D'Ugo, Dr. Richard D. Femino, Dr. Antonio G. Fidanza, Dr. Bernard F. Ferrara, Dr. Stephen Fortunato, Dr. Pio Giannini, Dr. A. E. Geremia, Dr. Carlotta N. Golini, Dr. T. G. Granata, Dr. A. A. Iavazzo, Dr. A. H. Jackvony, Dr. E. C. Laurelli, Dr. Francesco Loforte, Dr. Fedele U. Luongo, Dr. A. W. Lupoli, Dr. Luigi Maiello, Dr. A. Mastrobuono, Dr. Frank I. Matteo, Dr. A. F. Melucci, Dr. F. A. Merlino, Dr. A. V. Migliaccio, Dr. E. J. Monti, Dr. Victor H. Monti, Dr. L. A. Mori, Dr. J. A. Mellone, Dr. L. A. Morrone, Dr. Vincent J. Oddo, Dr. A. J. Pedorella, Dr. R. A. Petrucci, Dr. J. A. Picozzi, Dr. G. Pozzi, Dr. J. E. Raia, Dr. A. Rattenni, Dr. Edward A. Ricci, Dr. Anthony Romano, Dr. Francesco Ronchese, Dr. Vincent P. Rossignoli, Dr. J. E. Ruisi, Dr. Alfredo Russo, Dr. P. J. Rozzero, Dr. Angelo Scorpio, Dr. Luigi Scotti, Dr. Ciro Scotti,

Dr. Giovanni Senerchia, Dr. Alfred M. Tartaglino, Dr. Daniel V. Troppoli, Dr. M. A. Tarro, Dr. Angelo G. Valentino, Dr. J. Vallone, Dr. Ignazio Verde, Dr. U. E. Zambarano, Dr. Gennarino R. Zinno, Dr. Giovanni Costantini, Dr. Cono V. Stifano and others.

ITALO-AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS

As the 80's up to the first World War was known as the immigration era, so the last two decades have been known as the industrial epoch.

No group of Italo-Americans in the entire country, with the exception of New York City and San Francisco, Cal., is better known or talked about more because of its industries than the Italo-Americans in Providence. The rise of these people to the status of manufacturers has been phenomenal. Practically all this great industrial development has taken place in the brief span of twenty years. The rise of the Italo-Americans in the industrial field is due to their fine work requiring accuracy and skill.

Providence, the jewelry manufacturing center of the country, numbers many manufacturing jewelers of Italian extraction. Among the well-known Italo-American manufacturers should be numbered the following:

Uncas Manufacturing Company, the largest ring factory in the world. Vincent Sorrentino, President.

Sammartino Brothers Company. Achille Sammartino, President.

Sammartino & Sanchirico. Partners, Pasquale Sammartino and Anthony Sanchirico.

Imperial Pearl Company. Alfred Marsello, President-Treasurer; Albert P. Marsello, Secretary and Vice-President.

Gustavo Trifari of R. I. Jewelry Company, Inc., a jewelry manufactur-

er who established his industry in New York City in 1908, and at present his plant is located in Providence.

Gennaro Morvillo & Sons.

M. R. T. Company, Inc., Evandro R. Radoccia and Michael Radoccia. Filippo Calabro.

Cloisonne Enamel & Plating Company. Michael Conca and Adolph Lobello, proprietors.

Angelo Rossi.

A. Micallef & Company.

Esposito Jewelry Company.

Troppoli Jewelry Company.

Ralph Tortolani.

Domizio Sciotti.

Tasca Jewelry Company.

Salvatore Chiappinelli.

Arthur Albanese.

John Albanese.

Philip Coia.

Charles Del Bene.

Paul Marino.

Joseph Pezzullo.

Joseph Ricci of Crafts, Inc.

Anthony Saccoccio.

Charles C. Sciaraffa.

Cianfarani Brothers.

Angelo Del Sesto.

J. Edward Mariano.

Joseph Migliori and other manufacturing jewelers too numerous to mention here.

In the inception and development of the pocket-knife industry in Providence, the Italo-Americans justly claim the honor of originating and fostering this enterprise in our city. Among the well-known manufacturers in the pocket-knife industry should be numbered the following:

Imperial Knife Company, owned and operated by Michael Mirando, Felix A. Mirando and Domenic A. Fazzano. Organized in 1917, it is the largest producer of pocket-knives in the United States.

Colonial Knife Company, owned and operated by Fortunato Paolantonio, Domenic Paolantonio and An-

tonio Paolantonio, in a large cutlery plant.

The Ideal Knife Company and the Providence Cutlery Company, are also engaged in the pocket-knife industry in Providence.

California Artificial Flower Company. Quite an impetus to the recent growth of the Italo-Americans in the industrial field in Providence has been the creation of the California Artificial Flower Company, founded in 1921 by Michele D'Agnillo. It is the largest artificial flower plant in the United States.

Leonar Processing Corporation. Louis Palizza, Treasurer and General Manager. This is an important concern engaged in processing fine cotton, rayon and woolen yarns for the embroidery and knitting trade.

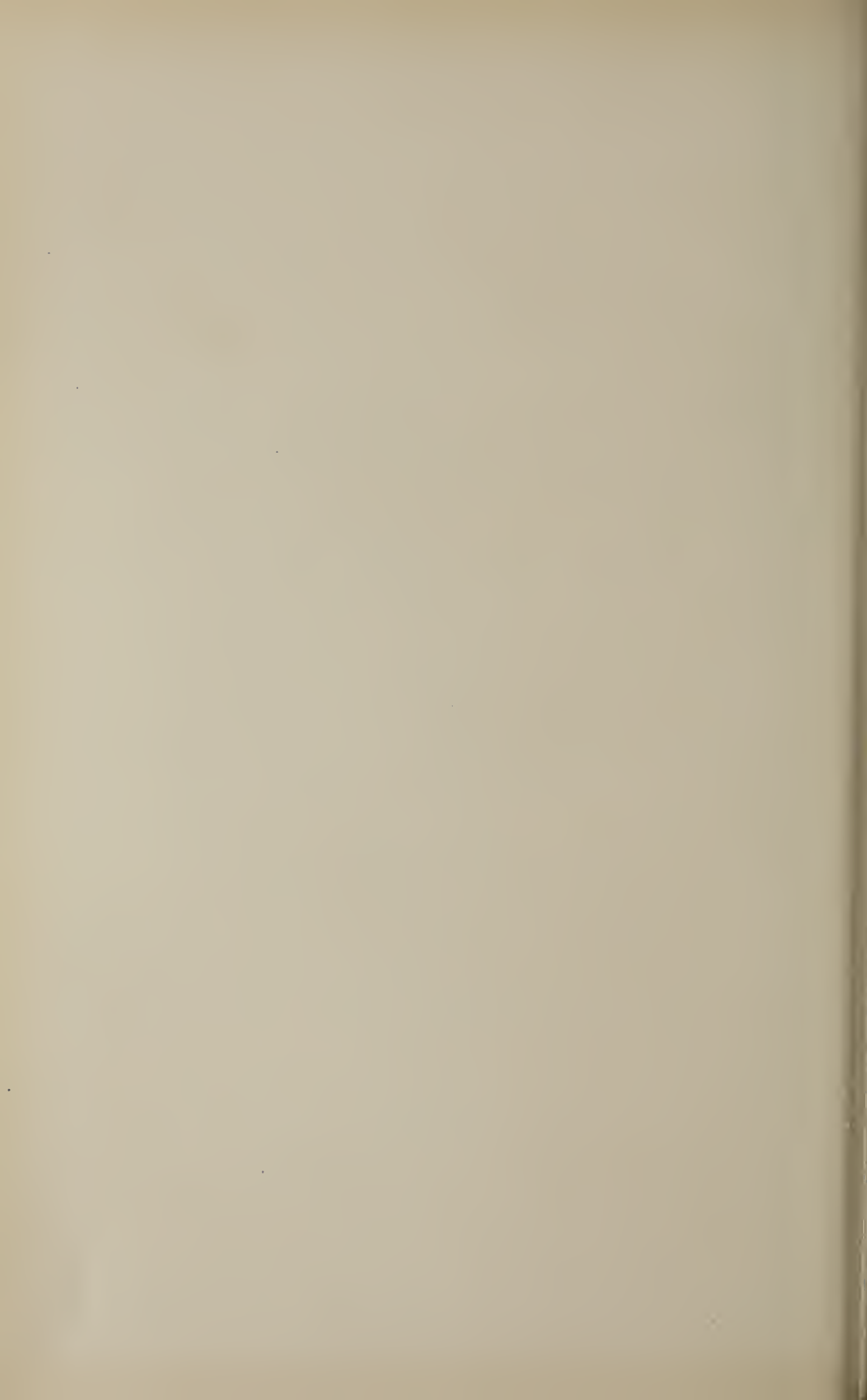
Falls Yarn Mills, founded by the late Joseph Cavedon, a native of Venetia, Italy. This plant holds a commanding place in the textile industry of Woonsocket, R. I.

The Italo-Americans of Rhode Island also take high rank in the manufacture of macaroni and spaghetti, an industry first originated in Providence in 1910 by G. D. Del Rossi Co., Inc.; in the granite, bronze, marble and sculptural work; in the terrazzo and tile industry; in the cabinet and wood carving industry; in the making of iron and wire fences; and in countless other small industries which have started in the last few years.

ITALIANS AS FARMERS

Since Lelio Caruolo, Arcangelo Caruolo, Ancelo Raffaele Cappelli and other farmers who first settled at Simmonsville in the early '70's, the Italo-Americans have continued through all these years to produce substantial quantities of agricultural commodities ever increasing in amount and always of the finest quality. It is in that section called Thornton, Hughesdale and Simmonsville, that the Italians originated their work as farmers in Rhode Island. The land in that part of the State is well cultivated and grows abundantly nearly every indigenous product. About the turn of the century Italian immigrants began to spread out and establish little farms throughout the State. Some went to Johnston, Cranston and North Providence. Others went to East Providence, Barrington, and Bristol. Luxurious orchards and magnificent crops of vegetation are produced through the patient industry of these enterprising agriculturists. An evidence of the success of these Italian farmers is shown by the great number of them engaged in the fruit and produce wholesale and retail business. Natural cultivators of the soil, these sturdy Italian people have certainly contributed their share to the development and prosperity of our great little State.

**Italo-American Leaders, Manu-
facturers and Manufacturing
Concerns, Business Men
Professional Men, Public
Officials, Teachers and
Other Progressive
Men and Women
in Rhode Island**



ANTONELLI, Rudolph

Designer and superintendent; born in Agnone, Province of Campobasso, Italy. He attended the public schools of his native town until the age of 11, at which time he began to learn tailoring and designing. At 16 he immigrated to the United States and began his career in Chicago where he perfected his trade as a designer. He later held responsible positions with Stein-Block Company at Rochester, N. Y. Removing to Boston in 1927, he became identified with Leopold Morse & Co., eventually becoming its superintendent of Shop A.

Mr. Antonelli is prominent in the civic, social and fraternal affairs of the Italo-American community of Boston. He is a member of the Italian Chamber of Commerce and Italian Historical Society.

Mr. Antonelli is married to Maria Carosella and is the father of one child, Rudolph Antonelli, Jr.

ARMENO, Guido Mario

Teacher, born in Providence, November 13, 1907, the son of Angelo and Filomena (Picozzi) Armeno.

He received his education in the local public schools; Technical High School, 1925; R. I. State College, B.S., 1929. Spent one year at R. I. College of Education, where he completed a teacher's course in 1930. Received the degree of M. of Educ. from R. I. College of Education in 1934.

He began his active career as a public school teacher at Esek Hopkins Junior High School in 1931, remaining there until February, 1932, at which time he was transferred to Roger Williams Junior High School. In 1933 he was appointed as teacher of general sciences at Gilbert Stuart Junior High School.

In addition to his teaching position, he has devoted his spare time after

school hours and the summer vacations in promoting recreational activities among school boys and girls, serving first as assistant director and then as director of Public Playgrounds. In 1938 he coached the Gilbert Stuart Junior High School champion baseball team.

Mr. Armeno is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

On September 5, 1936, Mr. Armeno married Theresa Campagnone.

ALIANELLO, Vincent

Registered pharmacist, born in New York City, June 2, 1902, the son of Canio and Filomena (Lauletta) Alianello. His father, a registered pharmacist, was a native of Rionero in Vulture, Province of Basilicata, Italy, who immigrated to New York in 1884, and moved to Providence with his family in 1902. He conducted a pharmacy here until his death a few years ago.

Vincent Alianello attended the Providence public schools and English High School. Later he entered the Rhode Island College of Pharmacy from which he graduated with the degree of Ph.G. in 1922. After completing his studies he held responsible positions with many leading drug stores. At present he is employed as registered pharmacist with E. H. Weaver, 2198 Broad Street, Edgewood.

He is a member of Ausonia Club and Bishop Hendricken Fourth Degree Assembly, Knights of Columbus.

On June 29, 1927, Mr. Alianello married Elvira Leonardo. They became the parents of two children: 1. Vincent, Jr.; 2. Elaine Filomena.

AVENIA, Frank S.

Proprietor of Avenia Sign Studio; born in Providence, December 26, 1915, the son of Carlo and Carmela (Mollo) Avenia, both natives of Cice-

rale Cilento, Province of Salerno, Italy.

Ater attending the local public schools he graduated from St. Edward's School in 1931. He then entered the Rhode Island School of Design, where he studied commercial art for six years.

Following the completion of his studies he started a business for himself engaged in a high-grade complete sign service, covering commercial signs for every purpose.

Mr. Avenia, a popular and promising young business man, is very active in the social, civic and fraternal affairs of the North End section.

On June 4, 1938, he married Bertha Zannini.

Mr. Avenia, maker of high grade signs, maintains his studio at 491 Branch Avenue, Providence, R. I. His residence is at 480 Woodward Road, North Providence, R. I.

ALMONTE, Henry

President, Federal Dairy Ice Cream Co., Inc.; born in Pettorano sul Gizio, Province of Aquila, Italy, October 1, 1897, the son of Dionisio and Francesca (Almonte) Almonte, both natives of the same town.

He received his early education in the public schools of his native town and when very young he went to work on his father's farm, where he learned farming and the dairy business from every angle.

In 1914 he immigrated to the United States to join his father in Providence, and to make for himself a place in the new world. After a few years spent in gaining valuable experience in his new adopted country, with his brothers Angelo and Alfred, organized the Federal Ice Cream Company in 1923 for the manufacture of ice cream. As business increased the production of milk, cream, ice

cream and ice cream mixture were added to the venture in 1935, at which time the name was changed to Federal Dairy Ice Cream Co., Inc. Today the name of the Federal Dairy Ice Cream Co., Inc., is one of the best known in Providence and vicinity, producing the highest grade of milk, cream, ice cream and all kinds of dairy products. On its pay roll there are 33 employees and 15 trucks.

Keeping pace with progress, changing with the trend of the times, has been responsible for the growth of the Federal Dairy Ice Cream Co., Inc.

Mr. Almonte is a member of the Pawtucket Gun and Sporting Club; San Michele Society, Order Sons of Italy; Madonna Dei Lattani; Young Italian Imperial Club.

On November 26, 1925, Mr. Almonte married Anna Felicetta Volpe. They are the parents of six children: 1. Anna; 2. Henry, Jr.; 3. Francis; 4. Anthony; 5. Joseph; 6. Dionisio.

Henry Almonte is president of the Federal Dairy Ice Cream Co., Inc.; Alfred Almonte is Secretary; Alfred Almonte is Treasurer.

The office and plant of the Federal Dairy Ice Cream Co., Inc., is at 247 Valley Street, Providence, R. I.

ANDREANO, Francesco P.

"Father of Columbus Day" is the title with which thousands of Rhode Islanders recognize Francesco P. Andreano, for many years a prominent figure among fraternal societies, and regarded as the principal sponsor of measures which have resulted in the establishment of holidays honoring the great discoverer in Rhode Island.

He was born in Ascoli Satriano, Province of Foggia, Italy, July 16, 1880, the son of Pasquale and Teresa (Rubia) Andreano. He immigrated to Providence from Italy in 1904. He became chef of the Crown Hotel,

serving there for many years. For a while he conducted an automobile place on Broadway and in 1921 started a grocery and market business at 1134 Westminster Street.

It was due to Mr. Andreano's initiative and enthusiasm, effectively aided by a small group of patriotic men, that in September, 1932, an active campaign was started to have Columbus Day established as a full legal holiday. Columbus Day as a full legal holiday became a law through the popular election held in the fall of 1938. On October 12, 1939, it was celebrated for the first time as a full legal holiday in Rhode Island.

One of the foremost in the promotion of patriotic activities among Italo-American societies, he succeeded in organizing the Central Columbus Committee, its chief purpose being the annual celebration of Columbus Day in Rhode Island. As leader of this organization Mr. Andreano has been eminently successful.

On July 7, 1907, Mr. Andreano married Maria Salvagno. Business address: 1134 Westminster Street, Providence, R. I.

ANNESE, David D.

Business man and well-known in civic and fraternal activities; born in Molfetta, Province of Bari, Italy, the son of Gaetano and Vincenza (Scardigno) Annesse. His father, a veteran of the Italian War of Independence, was severely wounded in the naval battle of Lissa, during the campaign against Austria-Hungary in 1866.

He received his education in his native town, whence he proceeded to Turin, graduating from the tailoring and designing academy of that important city. Upon completing his course he spent several years as inspector of

uniforms in the Royal Italian Railways.

Wishing to immigrate to the United States he came to Providence in 1909, starting his career in the tailoring business. Since 1922 he has been manager of the Biltmore Checking and Valet Department at the Providence Biltmore.

A successful business man, possessing a pleasing personality, strict integrity and proven public spirit, always ready to help his fellowmen in every respect, he represents the best type of useful and upright citizen.

Along with his business activities, Mr. Annesse is very active in civic and fraternal affairs. He is a member of the Commercial Travelers Club, the Aurora Club and Lodge Dante Alighieri of Order Sons of Italy.

On October 28, 1913, Mr. Annesse married Paolina Tonelli. They are the parents of four children: 1. Gilda; 2. Armand; 3. Odoardo; 4. Rinaldo. Home: 323 Sharon Street, Providence, R. I.

ANGELONI, Tito, M.D.

Born in Rocchetta al Volturno, Province of Campobasso, Italy, January 25, 1879, the son of Antonio and Teresa (Martini) Angeloni. Dr. Angeloni after completing the public schools of his native town, studied at the Gymnasium of Montecassimo and at the Lyceum of Aquila. He later entered the Medical School of the Royal University of Naples from which he graduated with the degree of M.D. in 1905. After graduation Dr. Angeloni served his internship at the Gesu e Maria and Incurabili hospitals of Naples. Later he was appointed a physician on board steamships plying between Naples and New York. Having determined to practice his profession in the United States, he settled down in Providence in 1906.

Dr. Angeloni passed the required medical examination both in Illinois and Rhode Island. He began his active practice of medicine in Providence in 1906.

He is associated with the staff of the Homeopathic Hospital.

Dr. Angeloni is a member and past president of the Malpighi Medical Club. His other professional and social affiliations include the Providence Medical Society, Rhode Island Medical Society, and the Aurora Club.

In 1913, Dr. Angeloni married Teresa Zirolì. Office: 404 Branch Avenue, Providence, R. I.

ADDEO, Michael

Lawyer; born in Providence, July 24, 1898, the son of Eugenio and Michela (Parrillo) Addeo. His father was a native of Moschiano Province of Avellino, Italy. His mother was a native of Fontegreca, Italy. The Addeo and Parrillo families were among the original settlers of the Eagle Park district and in later years were among the dominant forces behind the organization of the Italo-Americans of that section. His father, Eugenio Addeo, who died a few years ago, was one of the founders and past presidents of the Society Maria Santissima Della Carità. A deeply religious man, he left a monument to his generosity in the shrine dedicated to Maria Santissima Della Carità, located at the corner of Columbus Street and Douglas Avenue, in the Eagle Park section. The shrine was erected on land donated to Mr. Addeo by former U. S. Senator Metcalf for the purpose of erecting there a place of worship for the Italians of Eagle Park.

Michael Addeo attended the Providence public schools and, following his education at the high schools, en-

rolled at Boston University Law School, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Law and Master of Laws in 1921. Mr. Addeo was admitted to the Rhode Island bar in 1922, at which time he began his active practice of law in Providence.

His professional, social and fraternal affiliations include R. I. Bar Association, Aurora Club, St. Anthony Council of Knights of Columbus and other organizations. He is also a trustee of St. Ann's Church. Office: 940 Hospital Trust Building, Providence, R. I.

ADDEO, Alexander

Building Inspector of the City of Providence; born in Providence, June 26, 1899, the son of Nunzio and Celeste (Ricci) Addeo. Both his parents were natives of Italy, and have always resided in the Eagle Park section of the city. He attended the Veazie street grammar school and Technical High school. Following his graduation from high school, he enrolled at Brown University, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Science in civil engineering in 1920. After completing his education he began his career by associating himself with Ernest Santangini, a well-known engineer, and together they started the firm of Addeo & Santangini, architects and engineers. When Mr. Santangini received a position with the U. S. government in 1926 Mr. Addeo started an office alone which he carried on until 1930, when he accepted the position of inspector of construction in the Department of Public Buildings. In May, 1932, he was elected to the office of Building Inspector by the City Council for a term of three years. Successively re-elected to this office, in the years that have elapsed the wisdom of the choice of the Providence City Council has been thoroughly demonstrated by the able effective services rendered by this devoted public servant.

As Building Inspector, Mr. Addeo will go down in history for his fine work in having ordered and directed the razing of 721 obsolete and unsafe buildings in Providence in the past eight years. For this reason, the city is better looking without them. When he completes his job to rid Providence of the remainder of its century-old accumulation of shabby and unsafe buildings, the community will offer thanks to Mr. Addeo for having made it safer and pleasanter to look upon—and in a better position to encourage the new construction that will be needed as its growth continues.

Also prominent in professional, social and fraternal organizations, Mr. Addeo is Vice President of the New England Building Officials Conference; member of the Providence Society of Engineers; member of Societa Santissima Della Carita; Aurora Club and other organizations.

Genial and popular among all classes of people, his services to worthy causes are broad and useful.

On January 14, 1926, Mr. Addeo married Maria Helen Cicerone. They are the parents of one son: Nunzio Alexander. Home: 112 Suffolk street, Providence, R. I.

AMORE, Antonio J.

Tax Collector and Chief of Natick Fire Department; born in Roccamonfina, Province of Naples, Italy, August 29, 1905, the son of Michele and Apollonia (Feole) Amore. In 1912, he was brought to the United States by his mother to join his father in Natick.

He attended the Natick public schools and evening high school. At an early age he started life at the Natick mills. In 1921 he started an electrical store for himself, and in 1936 he added the furniture business to his enterprise.

In the past years he has held the office of Tax Collector and Chief of the Natick Fire Department.

Mr. Amore is an honorary member of the Natick Branch of the Italian War Veterans.

Mr. Amore married on September 6, 1926. Mr. and Mrs. Amore are the parents of three children: 1. Anthony, Jr.; 2. Michael; 3. Myrna. Address: 658 Providence street, West Warwick, R. I.

BUCCI, Vincent A.

Insurance underwriter and public official, born in Concacasale, Province of Campobasso, Italy, November 4, 1894, the son of Domenico and Anna Pascale Bucci.

He received his education in the public schools of his native town, and at the age of 16 came to the United States, settling in Providence. Upon his arrival in Providence he worked at anything that he could find in order to earn an honest livelihood. In 1923 he entered the service of the Prudential Insurance Company of America in which field he has been eminently successful.

In politics Mr. Bucci is a prominent Democrat. In 1936 he was elected Councilman from the 4th Ward. In 1938 he was re-elected and is serving his term to the entire satisfaction of his constituents.

Mr. Bucci is a past-president of the 4th Ward Democratic Club, now called the Rao Democratic Campaign Club. In 1933 he was elected President of the society Vittorio Emanuele III and has been re-elected ever since. He is also a member of the B.P.O. of Elks.

On January 28, 1924, Mr. Bucci, married Anna Lisi. They became the parents of three children: 1. Thomas; 2. Edward; 3. Vincent. Home: 199 Langdon street, Providence, R. I.

BALBONI, Joseph F.

Manufacturer, born in Renazzo, Province of Ferrara, Italy, November 26, 1893, the son of Giacomo and Marianna Zannotti Balboni.

At an early age he was brought to the United States by his parents. After attending the Boston public schools, at the age of 14 he served his apprenticeship in a mattress factory, learning all the branches of the business. He demonstrated his ability and won rapid advancement.

In 1923 he moved to Providence in which city he established a co-partnership under the name of Justice Bedding Company, for the manufacture of high grade bedding. Through the sagacity and enterprise of its partners this concern ranks high in the bedding industry of Rhode Island.

Mr. Balboni is President of the Fede, Patria e Lavoro Club of East Providence. His other fraternal and social affiliations include the Elks and Knights of Columbus.

On May 15, 1920, Mr. Balboni married Adelina Busi. They became the parents of three children: 1. Donaldo L.; 2. Bernice; 3. Gloria.

The Justice Bedding Co., Inc., of which concern Mr. Balboni is one of the founders and an active partner is located at 204 Aborn street, Providence, R. I. Home: 70 Mountain avenue, East Providence, R. I.

BUONANNO, Bernard Joseph

Teacher; born in Providence, November 7, 1908, the son of Anthony and Vincenza (Cipriano) Buonanno. His father, a native of Roccamonfina, Italy, immigrated to these shores about 1898.

He received his education in the Providence public schools and Classical High school, graduating in 1928. He then entered Providence College, from which he graduated in 1932 with the

degree of B. Ph. For one year he was compelled to go to work in order to earn money for his education. Resuming his studies in 1933 he took up a Graduate Course at Rhode Island College of Education, from which he received the degree of B. Ed. in 1934. From 1934 to 1936 he took up an extension course in education at Brown University. In 1937 he attended Boston University, receiving the degree of Master of Education in 1939.

In January, 1936, he started his career as a teacher at the Samuel W. Bridgham Jr. High School. In September, 1938, he was promoted to the Guidance Department.

Mr. Buonanno is an Assistant District Commissioner of Boy Scouts. His other professional, social and fraternal affiliations include Clavis Cultural Club; Catholic Confraternity Association; National Vocational Association.

BUONANNO, Bernard V.

Teacher; born in Providence, May 4, 1909, the son of Vincenzo and Adelina Cipriano Buonanno.

He received his education in the local public schools, Classical High school and Brown University, from which he graduated with the degree of A. B. in 1931. He received the degree of Master of Arts from Brown in 1935.

He began his active career as a public school teacher at the Senior High school at Apponaug in 1932, remaining there until 1935. While there he coached the track team of the Warwick High school. In 1936 he was appointed teacher of French and History at Classical High school in Providence, and because of his versatility in athletics, he was also made Track Coach. During the first year of his appointment, he won the first track championship ever won by Classical High school. After the first year as Track Coach, he was also appointed Football Coach.

Mr. Buonanno is a member of Modern Language Association and National Vocational Association.

On April 12, 1937, Mr. Buonanno married Josephine Antenucci of Providence. They became the parents of one child: Bernard, Jr.

BAGALIA, Violet R.

Teacher; born in Brooklyn, N. Y., the daughter of Andrew Angelo Bagalia and Silvia Iovene. Her father is a native of Capriati al Volturno, Italy, who immigrated to these shores some forty years ago. Her mother is also a native of Italy.

She attended the Providence public schools and graduated from Technical High school in 1932. Thence she entered the Rhode Island College of Education, from which she graduated with the degree of B. Ed. in 1936. While at R. I. College of Education she was a member of Circolo Manzoni and Dramatic Club.

Miss Bacalia began teaching as a student teacher in 1937 and received an appointment as permanent teacher in 1938. She is listed as a kindergarten teacher at Nelson Street school.

Miss Bagalia's social, professional and fraternal affiliations include Catholic Choral Club, Faculty Players and St. Ann's choir.

BERTOLINI, William

Steel inspector, born in Pawtucket, R. I., August 30, 1904, the son of John and Mary (Giudici) Bertolini. After attending the public schools of Pawtucket, at the age of 15 he went to work for Newman-Crosby Steel Corporation, starting first as an apprentice of cold roll steel and later as a steel worker, in which he demonstrated his ability. He won rapid advancement, and in a few years he became steel inspector.

He is a member of Lodge Roma, Order Sons of Italy, of Pawtucket, R. I.

On October 16, 1933, Mr. Bertolini married Catherine Coletti of Providence. They became the parents of two children: 1. William John; 2. Robert Alfred. Home: 137 Wallace street, Providence, R. I.

BERNASCONI, E. J., M.D.

Born in New York City, March 12, 1905, the son of Luigi and Maria (Brunelli) Bernasconi.

Dr. Bernasconi received his education in the elementary schools of Rome, Italy; afterwards at Tyler Grammar school, Providence, 1919; English High school, Providence, 1925; Providence College, Providence, Ph. B., 1927; graduated St. Louis University of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri, M. D., 1932.

After serving his internship at St. Joseph's Hospital, Providence, 1932-33, he was awarded a three year Graduate Fellowship in Ophthalmology at St. Louis Medical School, St. Louis, Mo. Returning there he served as senior interne in Ophthalmology at St. Louis University Group of Hospitals, 1934-35; Assistant Resident in Ophthalmology, St. Louis Group of Hospitals, 1935-36; Resident in Ophthalmology, St. Louis University Group of Hospitals, 1936-37; received degree of Master of Ophthalmology by St. Louis University Graduate School, St. Louis, Missouri, 1937; instructor in Ophthalmology at Indiana University School of Medicine, 1937; consultant Ophthalmologist, Indiana University Medical Center, 1937. Appointed assistant Ophthalmologist, Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, 1939; appointed Ophthalmologist, St. Joseph's Hospital, Providence, 1939. He is on the staffs of Rhode Island Hospital, St. Joseph's

Hospital, Homeopathic Hospital and Memorial Hospital of Pawtucket.

Dr. Bernasconi is a member of the Providence Medical Society, Italo-American Club and Bradford Club. He is Captain in the Medical Reserve Office: 271 Broadway, Providence, R. I.

BUONANNO, Joseph Eddy

Teacher; born in Providence, June 27, 1910, the son of Vincenzo and Adelina Cipriano Buonanno.

He received his education in the local public schools; afterwards at Dean Academy, 1929; Massanutten Military School of Woodstock, Virginia, 1930; spent a summer season at the University of California, 1932; Brown University, B.A., 1934.

Following his graduation from Brown University, he began his active career as a teacher at Massanutten Military Academy in 1934, teaching Latin, English and History. In 1935 he began teaching at Hope High school, where he is listed as a teacher of Social Sciences.

While at Brown he was captain of the Brown University football team, the first student of Italian extraction ever to hold such an honor. Since 1935 he has been a coach in football at Brown University.

On May 4, 1934, Mr. Buonanno married Helen Louise Mitchell of Lincoln, R. I., a member of an old New England family. They became the parents of one child: Joseph, Jr.

BAGLINI, John Joseph

Teacher; born in Pisa, Italy, February 8, 1897, the son of Giuseppe and Massimina (Cateni) Baglini. In 1903, when six years old, he was brought to these shores by his mother, to join his father in Providence.

He received his education in the Providence public schools and at La

Salle Academy, from which he graduated in 1920. He then attended Providence College, from which he graduated with the degree of Ph. B. in 1925.

In 1930 he was appointed teacher of Modern Languages at the Central High school, a position which he still holds.

He is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

On July 6, 1931, Mr. Baglini married Bilva Almonte, of Providence.

BELLIOTTI, Joseph L., M.D.

The beginning of immigration from Sicily to Rhode Island started in the late seventies and eighties. Among the personalities who have emerged from this group is Dr. Joseph L. Belliotti.

BUCCI, Epidio A.

Bank supervisor; born in Providence, February 14, 1906, the son of Ismaele and Anna (De Cristofaro) Bucci, who were born respectively, at Cupello, and at Vasto, in the Province of Chieti, Italy.

He attended the local public schools and Technical High school. Following his leaving school, he worked for a few months as an errand boy for the Providence Community Fund. Subsequently, in 1923, he entered the employ of the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company, as a messenger boy. Being ambitious and studious, he advanced gradually to positions of importance and responsibility as he demonstrated the merits of his services. At the time of his death, he held the position of Supervisor of the Trust Department of the R. I. Hospital Trust Company.

Mr. Bucci died on March 27, 1940. He was a most promising young man. He was a member of the R. I. Hospital Trust Bank Club and of the Providence Y.M.C.A., and had taken an active part in community life.

BONITATI, Michael

General contractor and builder, born in Pettorano sul Gizio, Province of Aquila, Italy, May 5, 1890, the son of Giovanni and Filomena Cipriano Bonitati. He attended the public schools of his native town for a short time, then at the age of 7 became a wage earner, beginning to work at anything he could find. At the age of 15 he immigrated to the United States, settling in Providence. Upon arriving here in 1905 he obtained employment with leading contractors and at the same time attended the evening public schools, thus preparing himself for citizenship and a business career. Later he became an expert carpenter and gained a thorough knowledge of all the details of the contracting business.

In 1928 Mr. Bonitati went into business for himself starting a general contracting and building concern, specializing in the construction of fine homes, gasoline filling stations and all kinds of cement work.

In 1914 Mr. Bonitati married Assunta Cifelli, American born. They are the parents of six children: 1. Giovanni; 2. Joseph, a graduate of Bryant College with the degree of B.S. in accountancy; 3. Philomena; 4. Orlando; 5. Evelyn; 6. Michael, Jr.

He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Mr. Bonitati is engaged in business under the name of Michael Bonitati & Sons. Office: 59 Mink Road, Providence, R. I.

BENTI, Frank J.

Union official. When the first Italian immigrants arrived here forty or fifty years ago, they were invariably met with suspicion, contempt and hostility by the laboring elements of the older racial groups who looked upon them as men who came here to accept lower wages or to take the places of

organized labor. In other words, they were accused as being scabs, giving rise to ill-feeling between the newly arrived Italian immigrants and the organized laboring classes of the United States. But through the influence of the American public schools, with the bettering of the Italians in the cultural knowledge, with the arrival from Italy of an intellectual class of Italians, and with the advent of the Americanized Italo-Americans, labor organizations have made rapid progress among Italians. If there is today a class of workmen who are most eager to join labor unions and help in bettering the lot of wage earners are the working people of Italian descent. From this class of workers have emerged labor leaders who are now not only active in organizing labor but some of them are in the forefront as union officials.

An American-born of Italian descent who has emerged to high place in organized labor, and was promoted to increasingly important posts is Frank J. Benti. He was born in Garfield, N. J., November, 1907, the son of Emo and Filomena Benti, both natives of Italy. His father immigrated to the United States some fifty years ago.

He attended the elementary and high schools of Garfield. At the age of 16 he entered the employ of a silk mill at Lodi, N. J., where he worked in various departments and learned all the details of the textile industry. From the time he became a wage-earner, he showed a lively interest in the growth of labor movements, and was most active in organizing labor.

In 1933 he was very active in organizing the dyers union. Following its organization he became president of Local Dyers 1932 of Passaic, N. J. Later he was active in organizing the Federation of Dyers and became its vice-president. He subsequently organized the dyers in New England, receiving the appointment of Textile Director for the

state of Rhode Island of the Textile Workers Union of America.

A youthful official, possessing honesty of purpose and unbending in his principles, Mr. Benti has traveled extensively throughout the Middle Atlantic states and New England, and has become personally known to great numbers of CIO members and workers in general. He is President of the Passaic Dyers Local, 1932; Executive Vice-President, Federation of Dyers, Finishers, Printers and Bleachers of America; State Director, Textile Workers Union in Rhode Island; Vice-President, Rhode Island CIO Council.

Mr. Benti's office is at 58 Plainfield street, Providence, R. I.

BRUNO, Gabriele

General contractor and builder, born in Panni, Province of Foggia, Italy, April 8, 1884, the son of Paolo and Caterina Bruno.

He attended the public schools of his native town until twelve years of age, when he served his apprenticeship in carpentering. For some years, thereafter, he worked as a skilled carpenter and gained a thorough knowledge of the contracting business. At the age of twenty he immigrated to the United States, settling in Providence. He at once obtained employment and worked at his trade until 1925, at which time he started a contracting business for himself. He has been very successful and during the fifteen years that Mr. Bruno has been in the contracting business, many fine houses have been erected, and the Italo-American community owes much of its residential growth to the public spirit, energy and business foresight of Gabriele Bruno. Known for his honesty and ability, he deserves that typically American title, a self-made man.

Mr. Bruno is a member of the Pan-nese Society.

On October 18, 1908, Mr. Bruno married Carmela Clasca, a native of Deliceto, Province of Foggia Italy. They are the parents of six children: 1. Paul, associated with his father in the business; 2. Joseph, associated with his father in the business; 3. Caterina; 4. Rocco, a medical student at Western Reserve University; 5. Clelia, a student; 6. Atlante, associated with his father in the business.

Mr. Bruno conducts his business under the name of G. Bruno & Sons, general contractors and builders. Office: 4 Courtland street, Providence, R. I.

BARONE, Salvine

Business man. Barone is one of the oldest Italian families in Rhode Island, and dates back to the 70's when his father, Saverio Barone, one of the earliest Italians to immigrate from Capriati al Volturno, Italy, settled in Providence and helped in the building up of the Italian colony. Saverio Barone married Teresa Cipriani, also from Capriati al Volturno, Italy. Saverio Barone died in Providence on July 25, 1939.

Besides Salvine, of this sketch, another son of the late Saverio and Teresa Cipriani Barone was the late Nicholas Barone, who enlisted in the United States Army in 1918. He died at Camp Mead, Maryland, in November, 1918. The Nicholas Barone Post, American Legion, is named in his honor. The Nicholas Barone Memorial Square at the corner of Charles street and Branch avenue, is also named in his honor.

Salvine Barone, was born in Providence, May 5, 1892. After leaving school at the age of fifteen he went to work for Comstock Dairy. He later was employed as salesman by J. P. Squire. In 1918 he enlisted in the United States Army, serving as clerk at Quartermaster Department, Headquarters, Camp Dix, N. J. He was

honorably discharged in December, 1918. Following his discharge, he resumed his job at J. P. Squire. Next he went into the provisions business and later sold shares for the Narragansett Filling Station. He then became manager of a filling station on Atwells and Harris avenues. In 1928 he established a business for himself, the Barone Oil Company, at 391 Charles street, in which venture he has been engaged ever since.

On June 16, 1932, Mr. Barone married Della Albanese, American born. They are the parents of one child: Saverio Frank Barone. Address: 391 Charles street, Providence, R. I.

BOIANI, Lodovina Gentili

Hotel proprietor and well-known civic and fraternal worker; born in Fano, Province of Pesaro, Italy, March 27, 1889, the daughter of Filippo Gentili and Santa Iacucci Gentili. She attended the public schools and later entered the boarding school maintained by the pious nuns Venerini in her native town. While there in addition to her education, she studied dress making-designing.

On April 21, 1910, she married Dandolo Boiani. In 1912 she came to the United States to join her husband in Newport. She is the mother of two children: 1. Philip, an investigator for the Compensation Board; 2. Mrs. Laura Peterson.

Mrs. Gentili Boiani is a founder and president of Circolo Culturale Italiano; founder and president of Ladies' Auxiliary of Order Sons of Italy; founder and lecturer of Lodge St. Catharine of Order Sons of Italy; member of Lodge Progresso e Civiltà of Order Sons of Italy; member of Holy Family of Cenacle Convent; member of the Democratic City Committee. Home: Hotel Cranston, 171 Broadway, Newport, R. I.

BOVE, Anthony, Right Rev. Msgr.

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CALDARONE, James

Proprietor of Academy Motor Sales, and well-known in business and fraternal circles; born in Marzano Appio, Province of Naples, Italy, September 17, 1896, the son of Angelo and Teresa (Capuano) Caldarone, both natives of the same town. His father who came to Rhode Island in 1885, was one of the earliest immigrants from Marzano Appio to settle in Providence.

When three years old he was brought to Providence. He was educated in the local public schools, and at the age of fifteen he began his apprenticeship as an automobile mechanic and successfully followed his trade in the shops of many outstanding automobile concerns until 1924, at which time he opened his own business as an automobile dealer. With offices and sales rooms located on Academy avenue, this establishment over which Mr. Caldarone directs, is one of the most successful and most capably conducted enterprises of its type in the Mount Pleasant district.

For many years prominently active in fraternal organizations, he is a member of St. Anthony Council, Knights of Columbus; Lodge Vittoria, Order Sons of Italy.

Mr. Caldarone married on May 23, 1915, Maria Celano, a native of Basilicata, Italy. They are the parents of four children: 1. Albert, a graduate of R. I. College in Business Administration; 2. Raymond; 3. Evelyn; 4. Beatrice.

Mr. Caldarone's Academy Motor Sales, dealing in De Soto and Plymouth cars, is at 247 Academy avenue, Providence, R. I.

CAPALDI, Isidoro

General contractor; born at Filignano, Province of Campobasso, Italy, May 10, 1876, the son of Gaetano and Angela (Capaldi) Capaldi. At the early age of twelve he was brought to the United States by his father. Upon coming to this country he was immediately put to work with contractors and builders. From that time began a determined struggle for survival in the land of opportunity. After spending many years in acquiring a thorough knowledge of all the details of the contracting work, Mr. Capaldi went into business for himself starting a general contracting concern specializing in sewerage and water works. His activities as a contractor have carried him to Massachusetts, New York and other states.

Mr. Capaldi has made for himself a position among the leading contractors of this city and takes an active part in Italo-American affairs.

In 1903 Mr. Capaldi married Chiarina (Passarelli) Capaldi. They are the parents of the following children: John Vincent, Gaetano, Edward and Alfred, all of whom are associated with their father; Arthur, a jewelry tool-maker; Mrs. Yolanda Fleming; Madeline, a student; Humbert, a student.

Mr. Capaldi is engaged in business under the name of Isidoro Capaldi & Sons, of which he is president and treasurer. Home: 335 Branch avenue. Office: 296 Silver Spring avenue, Providence, R. I.

CALCAGNI, Frank

Captain Providence Fire Alarm Department; born in Arce, Province of Frosinone, Italy, January 5, 1893, the son of Gennaro and Livia (Grimaldi) Calcagni.

When young Calcagni landed here from Italy at the age of sixteen, he attended the evening public schools and

later studied under private teachers. He joined the Providence Fire Department on April 4, 1917. On June 15, 1918, he enlisted in the U. S. Army. In the meantime he attended a course in electricity at the University of New York, graduating on August 13, 1918. In a few months he had advanced as instructor at the telephone school, at Columbia, South Carolina, serving with the rank of sergeant. Later he was promoted to the rank of sergeant-major, serving for eight months with the 12th Regiment Field Artillery, at Columbia, South Carolina. He was honorably discharged on January 15, 1919.

Upon his return to Providence he was assigned as a telephone operator in the Fire Alarm Department. In 1926 he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant in the Fire Alarm Department. In 1927 he went to Europe where he attended the convention of the American Legion. In 1936 he was promoted to the rank of captain in the Fire Alarm Department, the first Italo-American in Rhode Island ever to hold such an important position.

Captain Calcagni married (first), in 1921, the late Carmela Di Luglio, deceased. He married the second time, Rose Ferrara, in 1929. He is the father of the following children: 1. Frank, Jr.; 2. Robert; 3. Theresa.

CHIAVERINI, William

Pianist and organist; born in Providence, January, 18 1901, the son of Gaetano and Angelina (Del Mastro) Chiaverini.

He was educated in the Providence public schools and Classical High school. He studied piano under Maestro Arturo Mariano of Providence and Prof. George Slocum of Pawtucket.

At the age of sixteen he was connected as pianist with Maestro Pettine's Orchestra at Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet. During 1923-31 he was engaged

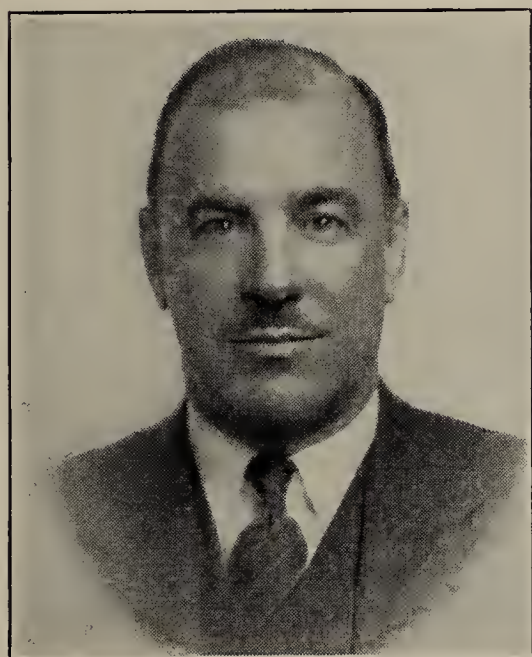
at Fay's Theatre. In 1931-33 he played at the Albee Theatre. In 1933 he returned to Fay's Theatre and has held the position as pianist ever since. He has been among the first musicians in Providence to broadcast on the radio.

Mr. Chiaverini is a past organist of the Providence Lodge of Elks.

He is a member of the executive committee of Local 198, American Federation of Musicians.

In 1927 Mr. Chiaverini married Alice Hammel.

CAPUTI, Nicholas G.



NICHOLAS G. CAPUTI

Insurance broker; born in Providence, June 14, 1893, the son of Joseph M. and Amalia Mironi. The father, one of the early immigrants from Basilicata, Italy, was the first Italo-American to hold the office of Barber Commissioner in Rhode Island.

He was educated in the local public schools and Technical High school, from which he graduated in 1912. Immediately thereafter he pursued a special extension course at Brown University; he later entered the Harvard Graduate School of Business Admin-

istration, taking a special course in public utility management, later serving on the research staff at the Harvard Business School.

After completing his educational training in 1917, Mr. Caputi started life in the utility field with the Providence Gas Company. Next he was successively connected with the Grand Rapids, Michigan, Gas Light Company engaged as General Superintendent; with the Salem Gas Light Company of Salem, Mass., as assistant manager and engineer, and when this company was absorbed by the C. H. Tenney interests of Boston, he was appointed gas engineer of all its New England properties. In 1931 he moved to Washington, D. C., where he became General Superintendent of the Gas Light Company in that city. On the death of his wife in 1932, he relinquished his duties in Washington and returned to Providence.

He entered the life insurance business in this city in 1933. Today he is not only regarded as a successful man in the insurance business, but leading insurance companies rank him among the leading underwriters in the country.

Mr. Caputi is a member of the Aurora Club, Italo-American Club and R. I. Underwriters Association.

On May 30, 1917, Mr. Caputi married Filomena Mariano. Mrs. Caputi died in 1932. His children are the following: 1. Amalia; 2. Filomena; 3. Maria.

Mr. Caputi, who is now manager of the local branch of the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia, has his office at 1228 Industrial Trust Building, Providence, R. I.

CHECCA, Rocco E.

Musician; born in Pettorano sul Gizio, Province of Aquila, Italy, August 15, 1884, the son of Vincenzo and Francesca Cercone Checca.

He was educated in the public schools and gymnasium of his native town. At an early age, after school hours, he studied music under private teachers, specializing himself as a cornetist. As a youth he played with many bands in Italy.

In 1902, at the age of 18, he immigrated to the United States, making his home in Providence. Upon settling in Providence he joined the leading musical organizations and at the same time perfected himself as a cornet player under Bowen R. Church, leader of the American Band and at that time one of the greatest cornetists in the world.

As a soloist in cornet Mr. Checca has been a popular figure in the band concerts at Roger Williams Park and in all musical organizations with which he has been associated. He has also played as a soloist in many large cities of the United States.

Mr. Checca is a member of the executive committee of Local 198 American Federation of Musicians and member of Societa Fede Patria e Lavoro.

On February 15, 1905, Mr. Checca married Emilia Pescatore. They became the parents of five children: 1. Eugenio, in the painting business; 2. Elena Frances, a school teacher; 3. Ida a book keeper; 4. Frances, a clerk; 5. Irene Louise, a book keeper.

CARLOTTI, Albert

Treasurer, Providence Beverage Company; born in Pisa, Italy, February 27, 1910, the son of Santi and Beatrice (Cantini) Carlotti. He attended the public schools of his native city until the age of ten, at which time he was brought here by his mother to join his father in Providence.

Upon coming to Providence he attended the local public schools and Technical High school, from which he graduated in 1928. While there he

was a member of the R. I. Honor Society for scholastic achievements. He then entered the R. I. State College, from which he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Sciences in Mechanical Engineering in 1932. At the R. I. State College he became a member of Phi Kappa Phi, the national honorary scholastic fraternity.

Mr. Carlotti is treasurer of Providence Beverage Company, a concern engaged in the wholesale of fine Italian wines and domestic and imported liquors.

In 1932 he joined the R. I. National Guard, where he became a Second-Lieutenant in the 243rd Coast Artillery; in 1935 he was promoted to the rank of First-Lieutenant; in 1938 he was appointed an Aid-de-Camp on the staff of His Excellency, William H. Vanderbilt, Governor of Rhode Island.

On November 27, 1935, Mr. Carlotti married Rose Marciano. They became the parents of one child, Albert, Jr. Home: 41 Humes street, Providence, R. I.

CARUOLO, Armand G.

Architect; born in Providence, March 17, 1898, the son of Giovanni and Christina Caldarone Caruolo.

He attended the local public schools and Technical High school, from which he graduated in 1918. He then attended the Rhode Island State College for one year, and later transferred to Providence College, remaining there until 1922. He afterwards studied draftsmanship at the R. I. School of Design.

After completing his educational training he perfected his studies in the offices of various architectural firms. In 1925, he established his own office as an architect and engineer. From 1934 to 1939 he worked for the State of Rhode Island as resident engineer. In 1939 he resumed his private practice as a registered architect.

During the World War, Mr. Carulo served as reserve officer in the Officers' Training Camp at the R. I. State College. He was then transferred to Camp Devens and remained there until honorably discharged.

On November 10, 1927, Mr. Carulo married Assunta Marandola. They became the parents of three children. 1. Armando George, Jr.; 2. Janet Marie; 3. Robert Anthony. Office: 296 Atwells avenue. Home: 20 Powhatan street, Providence, R. I.

CALIRI, Giuseppe

Designer and manufacturer of memorials and mausoleums; born in Messina, Italy, November 20, 1885, the son of Giovanni and Maria di Pietro Caliri.

He received his early education in the public schools of his native city, but at the age of 14 he began to learn the marble and stone craftsmanship from his father, an experienced monumental worker, and followed it until he immigrated to the United States in 1904.

For thirty years he worked as a marble and stone craftsman in some of the leading monumental establishments in Rhode Island, acquiring reputation and experience.

In 1934 he became a partner of the Pocasset Monumental Works, one of the best known establishments of its kind in Rhode Island. In 1936 he became its owner.

The Pocasset Monumental Works specializes in designing and manufacturing exclusive memorials and mausoleums. The memorials and mausoleums erected for the families of Dr. John Venick, Judge De Pasquale, Frank A. Gammino, Giuseppe Papino and others scattered throughout Providence and Rhode Island, impress one with the diversity of types designed and erected by the Pocasset Monumental Works.

Mr. Caliri was united in marriage

August 15, 1909, with Antonetta Asprinio, and they became the parents of seven children: 1. Maria; 2. Giovanni, associated with his father; 3. Orlando, associated with his father; 4. Adolfo; 5. Antonio; 6. Gloria; 7. Dorothy.

The office of the Pocasset Monumental Works is located at 99 Pocasset avenue, Providence, R. I.

CICERCHIA, Michael

Long a prominent figure in political circles, former member of the Town Council of Barrington and owner of a grocery store; born in Sant' Angelo d'Alife, in the former Province of Caserta, now Province of Benevento, Italy April 16, 1877, the son of Antonio and Isabella (De Sisti) Cicerchia. His step-father, Pietro Antonio Cicerchia, was one of the earliest Italian immigrants to settle in Barrington.

He attended the public schools of his native town until the age of 13, at which time he went to work at his mother's grocery store. In 1893 he immigrated to the United States, settling in Barrington.

Upon arriving in Barrington he obtained work at the Barrington Brick Company. He won rapid advancement and after six years he was promoted to the position of foreman. In 1907 he established his large and flourishing grocery store, in which are to be found Italian and domestic products of the finest quality. He served one term of five years as a member of the Town Council of Barrington. He was very active in the discharge of his office, serving on many committees.

He is one of the founders of the Italian Catholic Church of Holy Angels. He is a charter member of the American Citizens Club of Barrington; member of the Elks and other fraternal and social organizations.

On November 4, 1900, Mr. Cicer-

chia married Pasqualina Amato. They became the parents of seven children: 1. Maria; 2. Isabella; 3. Michael; 4. Iolanda; 5. Victor; 6. Anna; 7. Giovanni. Address: 68 Maple avenue, Barrington, R. I.

CAZONNE, Concetta

Teacher; born in Barrington, the daughter of Frank and Isabella (Rega) Cazonne, who were born respectively, at Sant' Angelo d' Alife, and Raviscanina, Italy.

She attended the local public schools and High school, graduating in 1920. Thence she entered the Rhode Island College of Education, from which she graduated in 1923. Following her graduation she was appointed as teacher at the Maple avenue Elementary School, Barrington, R. I.

COSTANTINI, Giovanni, M.D.

Born in Sant' Apollinari, Province of Frosinone, Italy, May 1, 1910, the son of Giuseppe and Giuseppa (Fargnoli) Costantini.

At an early age he attended the public schools of his native town until 1919 at which time he was brought to the United States by his mother to join his father in Providence. Upon arriving in Providence he was educated in the local public schools and at Classical High school, from which he graduated in 1928. He then entered Providence College, from which he graduated in 1932, receiving a pre-medical certificate and the degree of Ph.B. He afterwards matriculated at the Royal University of Rome, Italy from which he graduated with the degree of M.D. in 1936. From January, 1937, to May, 1937, he served his internship at the Homeopathic Hospital, Washington, D. C. Later, he went to St. Joseph's Hospital, in Baltimore, where he remained for twenty-six months, rising to the position of resident physician,

and completed his internship on June 30, 1939. Home: Whitehall street, Providence, R. I. Office: 211 South Conkling street, Baltimore, Md.

COLANNINO, Donato

Grocery store owner and veteran of the Abyssinian campaign; born in Panni, Province of Foggia, Italy, February 26, 1884, the son of Giuseppe and Caterina Mentella Colannino.

He attended the public schools of his native town and at an early age was put to work. Coming to Providence from Panni as a boy of fifteen, he worked at anything he could find in order to make an honest living. He worked for the U. S. Rubber Company, Brown & Sharpe and other industrial concerns until 1930, at which time he made his first independent venture in business, establishing a high grade grocery store with a full line of domestic and imported products.

In 1904 he served in the Royal Italian Army, assigned to the 3rd Regiment of Bersaglieri. For two years he saw service in Abyssinia, and was honorably discharged in 1908. He again returned to Italy in 1911, where in his native town of Panni, he married Graziella De Cutiis. They became the parents of four children: 1. Giuseppe; 2. Santina; 3. Giovanni, associated with his father; 4. Amedeo, associated with his father.

Mr. Colannino is a member of the Pannese Society.

Mr. Colannino's grocery store is located at 536 Manton avenue, Providence, R. I.

CARANCI, Charles L.

Representative from North Providence; born in Providence, September 7, 1908, the son of Luigi and Angiolina Cancelliere Caranci.

He attended the Providence and

North Providence public schools, graduating from the Grammar school in 1923.

When a mere lad, Charlie learned the bakery trade and followed it until 1930, at which time he established his own bakery business.

In 1938 his popularity as an intelligent and progressive young man culminated in his election as Representative from the Town of North Providence. An ardent Republican, he is very active in the discharge of his office.

Mr. Caranci is Treasurer of the Marieville Republican Club and active in the social, civic and professional affairs of North Providence.

On May 16, 1931, Mr. Caranci married Sophy Szeliga. They are the parents of Louis L. Caranci.

Mr. Caranci's bakery is located at 12 Atlantic avenue, North Providence, R. I.

CASTRONOVO, Vincent

President of the Musicians Protective Association, Local No. 198, A. F. M., born in Tursi, Province of Basilicata, Italy, the son of Nicola and Nicolina (Cirogliano) Castronovo. His parents, also natives of Tursi, immigrated to Rhode Island about 1888. While an infant he was brought to this country by his parents, who settled in Providence.

He received his education in the local public schools. When but a lad of thirteen, he studied music under Giulio E. Capone, specializing in trombone. Later he studied music under Claude R. Spary. A gifted musician, he soon became known throughout Rhode Island for his talent and ability. At one time he was a member of Reeves American Band, under Bowen R. Church, and traveled extensively with this famous band throughout the country.

Mr. Castronovo has been active in

musical fraternal circles since joining the Musicians Protective Association, Local No. 198, A. F. M. He has continuously held office for more than twenty-five years. At present he is serving his seventeenth consecutive year as its president, proving himself an able and conscientious leader. In 1936 he became assistant to the national president of the A. F. of M. in New York City. He served as a delegate to the A. F. of Labor convention in San Francisco, in 1934; in Denver, in 1937; and in Houston, in 1938.

In addition to his professional affiliations, Mr. Castronovo is also a member of the Elks.

CARDARELLI, Peter

Businessman and civic worker, born in Paris, France, June 10, 1882, the son of Gaetano and Rosaria (Neri) Cardarelli, who were born respectively at San Donato Val Di Comino, and Rocchetta al Volturno, Italy. When two years old he was brought to the United States by his parents, who settled in Providence. He received his early education at the old Woodville school, North Providence, and at the Admiral Street School, Providence. At the age of ten he learned the stone-cutting trade at Quincy, Mass. He also learned the machinist trade at Brown & Sharpe. From 1906 to 1917 he was connected with the Police Department of North Providence and Providence. He has held the police badge for thirty-two years. At present he is engaged in operating the Granite Quarry, Harrisville, R. I. He is a member and charter member of St. Lawrence Council, Knights of Columbus; member and charter member of Reali Carabinieri, Order Sons of Italy; life member Centredale Fire Department. On September 27, 1904, Mr. Cardarelli married Theresa Cuchasi, a native of Al-

bania. They became the parents of seven children: 1. Gaetano, Fire Chief of North Providence; 2. Mrs. Antonetta Doll; 3. Elvira, employed at State House; 4. Rose, clerk at Atlantic Mills; 5. Donato, an amateur boxer; 6. John, a mechanic; 7. Theresa, a student. Home: 652 Woonasquatucket Avenue, North Providence, R. I.

COLICCI, Giovanni

Business man and civic worker; born in Pontecorvo, Province of Frosinone, Italy, December 19, 1865, the son of Giuseppe and Vittoria (Di Nora) Colicci.

He was educated in the public schools of his native town. At an early age he went to work in a government tobacco factory and remained there until he was called to serve the Italian Army, assigned to the 11th Regiment Field Artillery, remaining there until his honorable discharge in 1888. During his military service he acted as an instructor to newly enrolled recruits of the classes 1867-1868.

Following his discharge from the army he resumed his position at the government tobacco factory. He emigrated to the United States in April, 1896, settling in Providence. Upon coming to Providence he obtained employment in the Atlantic Mills, where through sheer intelligence and ability he rose to a position of responsibility. He remained there 28 years. These years of experience, combined with his ability to grasp business problems, gave him the foundation to build up a business for himself. In 1921 he built the Ridge Street Garage, which he manages associated with his sons.

An ardent admirer of Mussolini and a patriot, he had the honor to call upon the Italian statesman in Rome

in 1929 with a group of representative men of the Order Sons of Italy. He has written many articles on Mussolini, King Victor Emmanuel III, Popes Pius XI and Pius XII, on the Italo-Ethiopian conflict and on Italo-American affairs. Genial and alert, he takes an active part in patriotic, fraternal, civic and social affairs. He is past orator of Carducci Lodge, Order Sons of Italy, member of Holy Name Society and Societa San Giovanni Battista di Pontecorvo.

In 1889 he married Maria Spiritiglozzi. They are the parents of the following children: 1. Giuseppe; 2. Paolo; 3. Francesco; 4. Antonio; 5. Almerico; 6. Mrs. Theresa (Colicci) Margadonna; 7. Mrs. Helen (Colicci) Murgo; 8. Luciano C. Office: 19 Ridge Street, Providence, R. I.

COLAGIOVANNI, Fred

First Deputy City Clerk; born in Providence, March 5, 1912, the son of Marco and Isabella (Germano) Colagiovanni. His father, a native of Baranello, Province of Campobasso, Italy, came to this country sixty years ago, and settled in New York and Boston before coming to Providence. His mother is also a native of Italy.

Mr. Colagiovanni received his education in the Providence public schools and at Technical High School, from which he graduated in 1930. He graduated from Rhode Island State College with the degree of Bachelor of Sciences in 1934. He then took up the study of law at Harvard Law School and Boston University Law School, graduating with the degree of LL.B. in 1938.

He is serving as First Deputy City Clerk of the City of Providence.

Mr. Colagiovanni is a member of the Harvard Club of Rhode Island, Aurora Club and Beta Psi Alpha.

COPPOLA, Emilio G.

Manager, John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co., born in Cicerale Cilento, Province of Salerno, Italy, April 10, 1891, the son of Nicolo and Concetta (Liccio) Coppola, also natives of Cicerale Cilento. A maternal great-grand-uncle of Mr. Coppola was Colonel Giambattista Riccio, a distinguished patriot of the war for the unification of Italy.

He attended the public schools of his native town, but his education was cut short at the outset, and at the age of twelve he immigrated to the United States, settling in Providence. Upon coming to Providence he worked at various occupations, devoting his evenings to the study of the English language, proving himself an alert and earnest student.

In 1916 he entered the service of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company in which field he soon demonstrated marked ability. In 1920 he was promoted to assistant manager. On October 2, 1939, he was promoted to manager in charge of the branch office at New Britain, Conn. Before his appointment as manager he was the oldest assistant manager in point of service.

Mr. Coppola is a member of the Ausonia Club.

Mr. Coppola married Hilda Storti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pietro Storti, early pioneer immigrants. He is the father of the following children: 1. Esther; 2. Nicola; 3. Ada; 4. Olga: Office: John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company, New Britain, Conn.

CATALOZZI, Maria C.

Teacher; born in Providence, the daughter of Masenzio and Annita (Zolla) Catalozzi, who were born respectively, at Roccadevandro, and Montagano, Italy.

She received her education in the Providence public schools and Classical High School, from which she graduated in 1929. She then entered Brown University from which she graduated in 1933, cum laude, with the degree of A.B. At Brown University she achieved many scholastic honors, including Manzoni prize, in Italian; Sons of Italy prize, in Italian. From Brown she received the degree of Master of Arts in 1938.

During the summer of 1937 and 1939, Miss Catalozzi took up special studies of advanced Italian at Middlebury College, Vermont.

In 1933 she received an appointment as teacher of Italian at Central High School. In 1939 she was transferred as teacher of Italian and French at Mount Pleasant Senior High School.

Miss Catalozzi is a member of Modern Languages Association of Rhode Island.

CAPPALLI, Francis

Lawyer; born in Providence, May 29, 1908, the son of Joseph and Anna (Camardo) Cappalli. His father is a native of Providence, son of immigrants from Tuscany who settled in Providence in the early '60's. His mother is a native of Baranello, Italy.

He was educated in the local public schools and Classical High School, 1926; Providence College, A.B., 1930; Georgetown University, LL.B., 1933. He was admitted to the Rhode Island bar in 1934.

While at Classical High School he played baseball and was selected on the all-star interscholastic league team. From there he went to Providence College where he played baseball for four years under the late Jack Flynn, and was a member of Providence College intercollegiate championship in 1928. Later he was selected by Jack Flynn as the best short-stop of the

team he coached at Providence College.

On September 29, 1939, Mr. Cappalli was appointed by Mayor Collins Assistant Supervisor of Domestic Relations, Department of Public Welfare.

His professional, social and fraternal affiliations include the Rhode Island Bar Association, Providence College Alumni Association, Georgetown Club, Rome Lodge, Order Sons of Italy and Aurora Club. Office: 49 Westminster Street, Providence, R. I.

CARLEVALE, Joseph

Director of School of Italian Language; born in San Giovanni Incarico, Province of Frosinone, Italy, September 17, 1890, the son of Serafino and Angela (Sarracino) Carlevale.

He attended the public schools of his native town until the age of 12, at which time he immigrated to the United States. In this country he received the following education: Vermont Academy and Colby Academy, 1908-1911; International College, 1912; Colgate University, 1913-1914; Columbia University, 1915-1916.

He has been an instructor of Italian at Connecticut College, 1917; Director School of Adult Education at Yale University, 1918-1919; Director of Norwich Americanization Institute, 1919-1927; he served as Director of Army and Navy Clubs of New London County during the World War. At present he is Director of School of Italian Language, Providence.

Among his leading publications can be noted: "Sillabario e Piccole Letture Italiane"; "Conferenze"; "La Vittoria." Since completing his studies he has made the teaching of Italian his field of endeavor, and has travelled

extensively both in Europe and in the United States.

Professor Carlevale's School of Italian Language is at 118 Empire Street, Providence, R. I.

CIANCI, Vincent A., M.D.

Born in Providence, July 29, 1900, the son of Pietro and Carmela (Tedesco) Ciani, who were born respectively at Roccamonfina and Avel-la, Italy.

He attended the public schools of Providence and Cranston, and Cranston High School, graduating in 1921. He then spent two years at Providence College where he took up a pre-medical course. In 1924 he entered St. Louis University. In 1926 he enrolled at the Medical School of St. Louis University, from which he graduated with the degree of M.D. in 1930, the first Italo-American from Rhode Island to graduate from that medical school. His last year at the medical school he served as interne at St. Mary Hospital, St. Louis, Mo. Next he served his internship at St. Joseph's Hospital, Providence, 1930-1931; Charles V. Chapin Hospital, Providence, 1931-1932. He served in the medical outpatient department of Rhode Island Hospital, 1932-1935.

Dr. Ciani is on the courtesy staff of Homeopathic Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital. He is on the active surgical staff of Miriam Hospital.

Dr. Ciani has been secretary of the Malpighi Medical Club since 1938. His other professional, social and fraternal affiliations include the Providence Medical Society, the Elks and the Eagles.

On October 14, 1937, Dr. Ciani married Esther Campopiano, a native of Providence. They are the parents of one child: Carol Lois. Office: 54 Pocasset Avenue, Providence, R. I.

CAROSELLI, Hugo G.

Lawyer; born in Providence, December 29, 1907, the son of Antonio and Maria (Iarussi) Caroselli. His father, a cigar manufacturer, comes from an old family of Isernia, Italy. His mother is a native of Forlì del Sannio, Italy.

He received his education in the Providence public schools; Classical High School, 1926; Providence College, A.B., 1930; Boston University School of Law, LL.B., 1933. While at the Boston University School of Law, he was prominent in the activities of the Justinian Club.

He was admitted to the Rhode Island bar in April, 1935, at which time he began his active practice of law.

He is a member of Lodge Vittoria of the Order Sons of Italy. Office: 618 Turks Head Building; residence, 257 Broadway, Providence, R. I.

CIPOLLA, Gennaro

Business man and active in religious work; born in Marzano Appio, Province of Naples, Italy, December 9, 1877, the son of Antonio and Filomena (Colapietro) Cipolla.

He attended the public schools of his native town. At the age of sixteen he immigrated to the United States. After a short period spent in Providence, he went to Lawrence, where he was employed in the textile factories. During the World War he worked in the ammunition factories at Bridgeport, Conn. He finally settled in Providence, where he worked at Brown & Sharpe and later at Nicholson File Company. In 1925 he became the proprietor of a grocery store in the heart of the Italo-American district, in which venture he has been very successful.

Mr. Cipolla is a very active mem-

ber of the Italian Methodist Church. He is one of the founders and a member of the Huguenot Society.

On August 28, 1898, Mr. Cipolla married in Lawrence, Mass., Maria Petrillo, a native of Roccamonfina, Italy. They became the parents of three children: 1. Mrs. Chiarina Cipolla Sabatino; 2. Antonio, associated with his father; 3. Severino, a member of the police department.

Mr. Cipolla's grocery store is at 261 Knight Street, Providence, R. I.

CAPOBIANCO, Giovanni, M.D.

Born in Providence, April 11, 1907, the son of Nicola and Addolorata (Colaluca) Capobianco, who were born respectively at Benevento and Prata Sannita, Italy.

He attended the local public schools, Classical High School and Technical High School, graduating in 1926; he took up a pre-medical course at Providence College and graduated from the same college with the degree of Ph.B. in 1930; he afterwards studied at Georgetown University School of Medicine, graduating with the degree of M.D. in 1934.

He served his internship at Tuberculosis Hospital, Washington, D. C.; resident physician at State Infirmary, Howard, R. I.; Charles V. Chapin Hospital, Providence, R. I.; interne and later acting assistant superintendent at Glendale Sanatorium, Glendale, Maryland.

Dr. Capobianco began the active practice of his profession in Providence on October 1, 1936.

Dr. Capobianco is on the staff of St. Joseph's Hospital, Miriam Hospital and Charles V. Chapin Hospital.

His professional, social and fraternal affiliations include Providence Medical Society, Malpighi Medical Club, Fratelli Bandiera Society, Santa Maria dei Cipressi and other organizations.

On August 27, 1938, Dr. Capobianco married Marcia Smith, a native of Warwick, R. I. Office: 536 Admiral Street, Providence, R. I.

CAPOBIANCO, Nicola

Business man; born in Benevento, Italy, August 24, 1884, the son of Giovanni and Lucia (Borrelli) Capobianco, also natives of the same town.

He received his education in the public schools and technical school of his native town. At the age of seventeen he immigrated to the United States with his parents, settling in Providence. On arriving in Providence in 1901, he began his career in diversified occupations. For many years he was proprietor of Capobianco's bathing pavilion at Oakland Beach, which was destroyed by the hurricane in 1938. He is the owner of Empire Wet Wash Laundry, a venture which he established twenty years ago. Before the prohibition period he was engaged in the wholesale liquor and wine business.

A leading citizen of the Eagle Park section, he is a member of Fratelli Bandiera Society, Independent Citizens Club and other organizations.

On July 6, 1906, Mr. Capobianco married Addolorata Colaluca, a native of Prata Sannita, Italy. They became the parents of seven children: 1. Giovanni, M.D.; 2. Mrs. Angiolina Conte; 3. Mrs. Theresa Filippone; 4. Guglielmo; 5. Mrs. Esther Cianci; 6. Lydia; 7. Ida. Address: 445 Admiral Street, Providence, R. I.

COIA, Philip

Manufacturing jeweler; born in Fignano, Province of Campobasso, Italy, the son of Emilio and Anita Dolores Mancini Coia, both natives of the same town.

He received his early education in the public schools of his native town.



PHILIP COIA

When eight years old he began the study of music under Maestro D'Orsi, specializing in the clarinet. At 14 he went to Glasgow, Scotland, where he worked for his uncle, Vincenzo Mancini, proprietor of an ice cream parlor. In 1907 he came to the United States, settling in Providence. Upon arriving in Providence he learned the jewelry stone-setting trade under Raffaele and Giustino Tortolani. He then worked for Ostby & Barton, where he remained for several years. Next he worked for O'Neil & Block, where he had charge of the men in the factory. For a while he worked for himself as a jobber. In 1926 he organized White & Coia, manufacturing jewelers. After ten years he organized the United Jewelry Company, Inc., of which concern he became President and Treasurer, his son Emilio, Vice-President; and another son, Attilio, Secretary.

Mr. Coia is a member of Fratelli Bandiera Society.

On April 27, 1911, Mr. Coia married Giovanna Di Iorio, a native of Colletorto, Province of Campobasso, Italy. They are the parents of

four children: 1. Mrs. Anita Dolores Harris, a pianist; 2. Attilio Reo Carmine; 3. Emilio Celestino; 4. Vittoria Antonetta. Office: 93 Sabin Street, Providence, R. I. Residence: 155 Langdon Street, Providence, R. I.

CARDULLO, Santo

Insurance; assistant district manager; born in Messina, Italy, December 24, 1898, the son of Andrea and Annunziata (Savasta) Cardullo, also natives of the same city.

He attended the public schools of Messina. In 1907 he was brought to the United States by his parents who settled in Providence. Upon his arrival here he attended the local public schools for a very brief period. At 13 he was put to work at the Atlantic Mills, where he remained for 17 years in the weaving department.

On November 7, 1928, he became agent of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company. In his field he has attained marked success, with the result that in October, 1939, he was promoted to assistant district manager of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Active in religious work, Mr. Cardullo is moderator of the Federal Hill Italian Baptist Church. His fraternal and social affiliations include membership in the Roosevelt Lodge, No. 42, F. and A. M.; Ausonia Club.

On October 23, 1922, Mr. Cardullo married Antonetta Pizzuti, a native of Providence. They became the parents of one child: Nancy. Home: 25 Edgemere Avenue, Providence, R. I.

CAPOCCI, Leonardo

Business man and active in fraternal societies; born in Conca Casale, Province of Campobasso, Italy, April 7, 1891, the son of Benedetto and Anna (Piroli) Capocci.

In 1896, when five years old, he was brought to the United States by his mother to join her father in Providence. After leaving the public schools he worked on various jobs. In 1918 he established a grocery business, specializing in high-grade Italian products.

Mr. Capocci is a former member of the R. I. State Board of Retail Grocers. He is a former candidate for the City Council. He is a charter member and past president of Volturno Society. He is also a member of Lodge Vittoria, Order Sons of Italy, and active in the councils of the Republican Party.

On November 22, 1914, Mr. Capocci married Luisa Acciaioli. They are the parents of five children: 1. Anna; 2. Maria; 3. Elena; 4. Theresa; 5. Elisa. Address: 392-393 Branch Avenue, Providence, R. I.

CONTE, Alfred Clement, M.D.

Born in Providence, November 22, 1907, the son of Luigi and Domenica (Fascitelli) Conte, both natives of Marazano Appio, Italy.

He attended the local public schools and Hope High School, graduating in 1925. He thereafter attended Providence College, completing his pre-medical course there, and graduated with the degree of Ph.B. in 1929. On graduation he spent one year at Brown University where he took up a course in science. Later he entered Georgetown Medical School, graduating with the degree of M.D. in 1934.

Dr. Conte served his internship at St. Joseph's Hospital for two years; Wallum Lake Sanatorium for six months; Charles V. Chapin Hospital for six months.

Dr. Conte began the active practice of his profession in Providence on November 1, 1937.

His professional, social and fra-

ternal affiliations include Providence Medical Association, American Medical Association, Malpighi Medical Club, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus.

On June 24, 1939, Dr. Conte married Mary Wood, a native of Washington, D. C. Office: 540 Charles Street, Providence, R. I.

CORRENTE, Mariano C.

Air conditioning and oil representative; born in Marzano Appio, Province of Naples, Italy, July 4, 1888, the son of Francesco and Petrina (Longo) Corrente, who were born respectively, at Teano, and Marzano Appio, Italy.

At the age of five he was brought to the United States by his mother to join his father in Providence. After attending the local public schools and high school, he busied himself in the real estate business and as court interpreter. He rapidly advanced and prospered in this field to become one of the leading business men on Federal Hill. Later he became identified with the air conditioning and oil burning business, in which field he is a pioneer among Italo-Americans. In his activities as Representative of Petroleum Service Co., Inc., Mr. Corrente has been eminently successful from the outset, with the result that he now holds a high place among representatives of air conditioning and oil business. Mr. Corrente has taken an important part in the fraternal, social and civic life of the community. He served as state auditor for the Knights of Columbus, the first Italian ever to hold such an office in their organization. He is a past Grand Chief Ranger of Foresters of America. He has given freely of his time and strength in raising funds for the Red Cross, the various Liberty Loans and for other worthy causes.

On June 5, 1912, Mr. Corrente married Dusolina De Simone, a native of Providence. They are the parents of four children: 1. Veronica, a school teacher in the public schools of North Providence; 2. William Dante, a student at the Massachusetts School of Optometry and editor-in-chief of the school publication; 3. Geraldine, a telephone operator; 4. Robert, a student at La Salle.

Mr. Corrente, who is a representative of Petroleum Service Co., Inc., has his office at 271 Fox Point Boulevard, Providence, R. I.

CAPUANO, John

Proprietor, Capuano Motor Sales; born in Marzano Appio, Province of Naples, Italy, August 27, 1890, the son of Daniele and Maria (Perrino) Capuano, both natives of the same town.

He attended the public schools of his native town, and at the age of sixteen came to the United States to join his uncle in Providence. Upon his arrival here he worked for a number of years at the Wanskuck Mills, where through sheer ability rose to the position of foreman. In 1921 he joined the sales force of D. W. Flint, where in a few years he became one of the leading automobile salesmen in New England. In 1925 he started in business for himself, becoming a distributor of Chrysler and Plymouth cars. His unusually fine reputation for honesty, reliability and industry, all combined to enable him to establish a very successful business.

Mr. Capuano is a trustee of St. Ann's Church. For three years he was a Grand Knight and for four years a treasurer of St. Anthony Council, Knights of Columbus. His other fraternal affiliations include the Elks of Pawtucket, and Lodge Vittoria, Order Sons of Italy. He is a member of

the Zoning Board of North Providence.

Mr. Capuano married (first) in 1912, Clara Ranallo. She died in 1918. By his first marriage he has two children: 1. Daniel, associated with his father in the business; 2. John J. Jr., a student at Providence College. Mr. Capuano married the second time in 1927, Dora Bourgette of Central Falls. By his second marriage he has one child: Venite Marie.

Mr. Capuano's Motor Sales concern and office are at 973 Charles Street, North Providence, R. I.

CALDARONE, Thomas J.

Lieutenant, Providence Fire Department; born in Marzano Appio, Province of Naples, Italy, March 8, 1895, the son of Giglio and Teresa (Capuano) Caldarone, both natives of the same town.

His parents were among the early immigrants from Marzane Appio to come to these shores. When he was two, his parents brought him to Providence, which city has been his home ever since.

He attended the Federal Street Grammar School, and at the age of fourteen he went to work at Nicholson File Company. Next he was successively employed with the Metal Products Corporation, then he became foreman with Brown & Sharpe Manufacturing Company, as inspector of indicators, remaining there during the period of the World War. Then he opened a Service Garage on Smith Street. Later, on August 15, 1921, he joined the Providence Fire Department as a private. In 1936 he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

He is a member of St. Anthony Council, Knights of Columbus.

On November 30, 1916, Mr. Caldarone married Margaret Segrel-

la, a native of Tora e Piccilli, Italy. They are the parents of three children: 1. Theresa; 2. Louis; 3. Thomas, Jr. Lieut. Caldarone is one of the few Italo-Americans holding a position of high rank with the Providence Fire Department.

CIOCI, John R.

Representative from the 7th Assembly District; born in Providence, January 28, 1915, the son of Luigi and Maria (Giannini) Cioci, both natives of Rocchetta Al Volturno, Italy. Educated in the public schools of Providence; Classical High School, 1934; Brown University, A.B., 1938. While at Brown he played one year freshman and three years of varsity football, and in 1937, was given honorable mention in the Associated Press All-American selections.

Mr. Cioci manages the ice manufacturing business in North Providence which was established by his father. He is also engaged in the wholesale and retail fuel oils.

In November, 1938, he began his political career as Representative from the 7th District, the youngest man ever elected to the Rhode Island House of Representatives. Active in the State House, he is a member of the Finance and Public Health committees, in all of which he is rendering valuable services to his constituents.

On September 30, 1939, Mr. Cioci married Marie Gammino, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael A. Gammino of Providence.

CONCA, Pasquale, M.D.

Born in Marzano Appio, Province of Naples, Italy, January 12, 1873. He graduated from the Royal University of Naples with the degree of M.D. in 1899. In 1905 he came to Providence and established himself in the practice of medicine. He was one

of the founders and a past president of the Malpighi Medical Club. He was prominent in all activities for the advancement of Italian culture.

On October 7, 1907, Dr. Conca married Smeraldina Mauriello, daughter of Domenico and Francesca (Marseglia) Mauriello, who were borne respectively, at Melito, and at Teano, Italy. Dr. and Mrs. Conca became the parents of one daughter, Frances.

Dr. Conca was a learned and able physician and surgeon. For his achievements, his generosity, and his splendid character, in 1930, the Italian government bestowed upon him the decoration of the Crown of Italy.

Dr. Conca died in Providence on January 28, 1935.

CAMBIA, John T.

Credit manager. A son of immigrants from Ciorlano, in the former Province of Caserta, Italy, who, through sheer ability has risen high in Rhode Island is John T. Cambia, credit manager of the Shepard Company, Providence, one of the largest department stores in New England.

CAPASSO, Luigi

Member of Providence School Committee. For a period of many years the city lacked an Italo-American on its school board. In a movement vigorously led by Vincent Sorrentino, industrialist and philanthropist, to have an Italo-American on the board, on November 2, 1937, Luigi Capasso, a lawyer, American-born, was elected a member of the Providence School Committee.

Antonio Capasso, Joseph Capasso and Thomas Capasso, all employed as

teachers in the Providence Public Schools, are brothers of School Committeeman Capasso.

CAPOTOSTO, Antonio A.

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court and a leader of the Italo-Americans of Rhode Island. The future jurist came to Rhode Island in the latter part of 1905. In 1906 he settled on Federal Hill, a section then rapidly filling with hard-working men and women who had left their rural homes in Italy in order to work and toil for their adopted country. This vast influx of fellow countrymen in Providence were bound together by language and customs into a solid group that, clinging to their common heritage and feeling even as they transformed themselves into useful citizens of their new adopted country, combined instinctively to accord an unprecedented welcome to Antonio A. Capotosto, the first lawyer and first Harvard graduate of Italian birth or descent ever to settle in Rhode Island.

Being the first Harvardian lawyer of Italian background in a community made up of newly arrived immigrants, the years of Antonio A. Capotosto since he arrived here from Boston were marked by endless festivities and acclaim as banquet after banquet, reception after reception, and by traveling over the State making speeches and shaking hands, he soon became the most popular Italo-American in Rhode Island.

Judge Antonio A. Capotosto was born in Capriati al Volturno, Province of Campobasso, Italy, September 23, 1879, the son of Luigi and Enrichetta D'Orsi Capotosto. When four years old he was brought to the United States by his parents who settled in Boston. He graduated from Harvard

Law School in 1904 with the degree of LL.B. Upon coming to Providence, he practiced law privately until 1912. In that year he was appointed third assistant Attorney-General, serving until 1915; second assistant Attorney-General, 1915-1919; Assistant Attorney-General, 1919-1922; Associate Justice of the Superior Court, 1922-1935; and has been Associate of the Supreme Court since January 1, 1935.

In May, 1924, the Royal Italian Government conferred upon Judge Capotosto the decoration of Chevalier of the Crown of Italy.

CALABRO, Filippo

Jewelry manufacturer; born in Santa Lucia di Serino, Province of Avellino, Italy, January 27, 1893, the son of Santo and Maria (Maranzini) Calabro.

In 1895 he was brought to the United States by his parents, who settled in Providence. He was educated in the Providence public schools, and at the age of fourteen he set out to make his own way. He served an apprenticeship in a jewelry factory, and later worked successfully in his trade.

In 1926 he bought out a coloring business, which today under his able direction, is one of the state's leaders in coloring and spraying of all kinds of gold, silver and nickel work.

Mr. Calabro's plant is known throughout the manufacturing jewelry centres, and the facilities for producing the work have been kept abreast of the most modern development in the line of jewelry coloring and spraying.

Though he is busily occupied with the increasing scope and responsibility of his business, Mr. Calabro gives a goodly portion of his time to civic, social and fraternal activities. He is

President of St. Paul Society; member of Antonio Mangione Post, American Legion.

On June 6, 1918, Mr. Calabro married Maria Flavia, a highly cultured woman, whose work as a teacher of Italian and her interest in the activities of the Order Sons of Italy in Rhode Island, have brought her name prominently to the attention of Italo-Americans.

Mr. and Mrs. Calabro are the parents of the following children: 1. Josephine; 2. Elena; 3. Hilda; 4. Olga.

CAPPELLI, Louis W.

Former Secretary of State; born in Providence, April 14, 1894, the son of Antonio and Maria (Pettine) Cappelli. Received his education at La Salle Academy, Brown University and Yale Law School. Married Catherine McQuade, 1923.

Served as Secretary of State of the State of Rhode Island from 1933 to 1938.

CASTAGNA, John

Brigadier of the Salvation Army; born in Palermo, Sicily, he came to this country at the age of 15, working in various capacities until he joined the Salvation Army in New York City. The salvation of souls in the slum districts of the large American cities has ever been the chief aim of his life. He is an Italo-American who has achieved success in his own field.

CAVICCHIA, GAETANO

College professor; born in Roccamandolfi, Province of Campobasso, Italy, June 26, 1875. He came to the United States in 1887, settling in Newark, N. J. He attended the public schools of Newark; Interna-

tional College, Springfield (A.B., 1902); Yale University (graduate work), 1902-1904; Harvard University (graduate work) 1904-06.

During his long teaching career, Professor Cavicchia has been connected with many colleges, including Brown University. Since 1928 he has been Chairman of the Department of Romance Languages, Rhode Island College of Education. He has been engaged in many cultural activities outside the classroom designed to promote the study of the Italian language. At the R. I. College of Education he has been the organizer of *Circolo Manzoni*, made up of students of Italian origin. Professor Cavicchia married *Luigia Nitti* in 1908. Home: 180 Congdon Street, Providence, R. I.

CIANFARANI, Aristide B.

Sculptor; born in Agnone, Province of Campobasso, Italy, August 3, 1895. In the United States since 1913. Married *Teresa Castallo*, 1932. Educated in Italy. Head of *Cianfarani School of Sculpture*. Chief works of art; World War Memorial at Meridan, Conn. and Northboro, Mass; bust of *Edgar Allan Poe*, Brown University; statue of *Gen. Pulaski*, New Haven, Conn.; colossal head of *Lincoln*, etc. Member: Providence Art Club; *Associazione Artistica Internazionale*, and *Lega Navale Italiana*, Rome, Italy; *Aurora Club*; *Utopian Club*; etc. Home: 3 Benevolent Street, Providence, R. I.

CIRINO, Antonio

Teacher and artist; born in Serino, Province of Avellino, Italy, March 23, 1889. He was brought to Rhode Island by his parents in 1891, who settled in Providence.

He received his early education in art at Rhode Island School of De-

sign, 1904-1909; Bachelor of Science, Columbia University, 1912; pupil of *Arthur Wesley Dow*; sketched in France and Italy one full year. Former teacher of art, Illinois State Normal University and Indiana University. Faculty member and head of Teacher Training Department of the Rhode Island School of Design since 1912. Awarded prizes in painting by Springfield Art League, Providence Art Club, Ogunquit Art Centre. Member: Providence Art Club, Rhode Island Association of Drawing and Manual Arts, Eastern Arts Association, Rockport Art Association, Springfield Art League, American Federation of Arts, Society of Medalists and the *Salmagundi Club* of New York.

Since *Antonio Cirino* graduated from the R. I. School of Design his work has become increasingly important in the various art galleries throughout the country in which he has exhibited his numerous pictures, and he has attained a high position in the field of painting. Office: Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, R. I.

COLONIAL KNIFE CO., INC.

One of the outstanding manufacturing concerns of Providence is the Colonial Knife Company, Inc.

This company had its inception through the initiative and mechanical bent of *Antonio Paolantonio*, who having been trained as a knife maker in his native town of *Frosolone*, Italy, in 1925 set up a small shop of his own at 99 Arthur Avenue, for the manufacture of pocket knives. He worked alone in this venture under the name of *A. Paolantonio Cutlery Company*. Three years later he was joined by his brother *Domenico Paolantonio*. In 1925, his other brother, *Fortunato Paolantonio*, was also taken in the

business. The venture continuing under the same name until 1926 when they obtained a charter under the corporate name of Colonial Knife Company, Inc. It started operation at 9 Calendar Street with 40 employes. In 1929 it moved to 287 Oak Street, in the Olneyville district, occupying an entire block and employing at the present time over 250 employes.

This venture under the leadership of Antonio Paolantonio, Domenico Paolantonio and Fortunato Paolantonio, three experienced cutlers from Frosolone, Italy, has grown to be one of the largest knife factories in the country. The officers of the Colonial Knife Company, Inc., are the following: Fortunato Paolantonio, President; Domenica Paolantonio, Secretary; Antonio Paolantonio, Treasurer.

The office and plant of the Colonial Knife Company, Inc., is at 287 Oak Street, Providence, R. I.

CATANZARO, Bartolo Joseph

Business man and prominent among Italian fraternal societies; born in Termini Imerese, Province of Palermo, Italy, September 30, 1887, the son of Giuseppe and Concetta (Minardi) Catanzaro. His father was one of the early immigrants from Sicily to settle in Rhode Island. He attended the public schools of his native town. At the age of ten in his return to Rhode Island after a visit to Sicily, his father brought him to Providence, which city has been his home ever since. For a while he attended the local public schools.

After leaving school he began to work for his father in the fruit and produce business. In 1909 he established his own fruit and produce business, a venture in which he has been successfully engaged ever since.

Twenty-eight years ago he moved his residence to 54 Willow Street, in Dexter Training Ground district, one of the first Italians to move in that section. For fifteen years he was president of the Trinacria Society, receiving from its members a merit diploma in recognition of his contributions to the association. He is a charter member of the Aurora Club. He is also a member of Lodge Italia, Order Sons of Italy, and Court Florence.

On April 18, 1909, Mr. Catanzaro married Rosa Sansone, a native of Boston. She is a well-known member of the Rhode Island Council of Italian Women. Mr. and Mrs. Catanzaro are the parents of six children: 1. Concetta, a registered pharmacist; 2. Philip, a graduate from Providence College, as civil engineer, at present engaged in business; 3. Cosmo, associate in business with his father; 4. Anthony, a window dresser; 5. Ida, a student; 6. Bartolo, Jr., a student.

Mr. Catanzaro's address is at 54 Willow Street, Providence, R. I.

CRISCIONE, Emanuele

Macaroni Manufacturer; born in Ragusa, Province of Ragusa, Italy, February 1, 1896, the son of Salvatore and Marianna (Cascone) Criscione.

He attended the public schools of his native town. In 1911 he was brought to the United States by his mother to join his father in New York City. For a while he attended the public schools of New York City. He was an ambitious boy and worked his way up from anything he could find in order to support his parents and make a future for himself. At 17 he came to Providence in company with his brother George, and in 1914 they organized and established



EMANUELE CRISCIONE

a macaroni factory. In 1925 the partnership was dissolved, and he immediately started his own factory under the name of Naples Macaroni Manufacturing Company of which he is the sole founder and proprietor. The highest grade of macaroni and spaghetti are manufactured in this plant.

Mr. Criscione became a naturalized American citizen in 1918. On July 17, 1918, he enlisted in the United States Army, serving as private in the 16th Co., 4th B. R. G., 153 Depot Brigade. He was honorably discharged on January 25, 1919.

On August 23, 1920, Mr. Criscione married Concetta Cintolo, a native of Ragusa, Italy. They are the parents of ten children: 1. Rosaria; 2. Concetta; 3. Rosa; 4. Giovanni; 5. Iolanda; 6. Emanuela; 7. Salvatore; 8. Elena; 9. Emanuele; 10. Giuseppe.

A business man of innate kindness, Mr. Criscione enjoys the respect and confidence of all who know him.

Mr. Criscione's office is at 54 Mercy Street, Providence, R. I.

CALIFORNIA ARTIFICIAL FLOWER CO.

Climaxing 18 years of continuous growth, Michele D'Agnillo, of the California Artificial Flower Company, takes rank today as one of the leading Italo-American industrialists of Rhode Island.

From the original humble one-man factory on Spruce Street, he moved to 32 Broadway where he first hired help. From there he moved to the corner of Weybosset and Snow Streets, with employment gradually increasing until approximately 200 persons were on the payroll. In 1934 he moved to 14 Blount Street, where employment rose from 200 to 500, and last year 650 persons were employed.

Today Michele D'Agnillo, founder and owner of the California Artificial Flower Company, who came to Providence in 1921 as a poor immigrant from Agnone, Italy, sits proudly in his luxurious office of the modern new factory at 364-402 Reservoir Avenue, directing the work of nearly 700 girls employed in manufacturing artificial flowers.

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CENCI, Vincent, D.M.D.

Born in Providence, September 19, 1901, the son of the late Elviro and Theresa (Pilla) Cenci, both natives of Fornelli, Italy.

He was educated in the local public schools; was graduated from Brown University in 1925 and from Harvard Dental School in 1931. For three years he served with the Medical Corps, 103rd Field Artillery, R.I.N.G. For two and one half years he served the combined medical and dental corps of the 241st Coast Artillery, Massachusetts National Guard.

He later spent three months on the visiting staff of the Samuel's Dental Clinic, and two and one half years at the Rhode Island State Hospital at Howard.

Dr. Cenci is a life member of the Harvard Dental Alumni Association, and is active in civic affairs.

In May, 1933, he married Mary Di Nadal of Fall River, Mass.

Dr. Cenci is registered to practice dentistry in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, and his office is at 204 Westminster Street, Providence, R. I.

CALABRO, Maria Flavia



MARIA FLAVIA CALABRO

Prominent in Italo-American cultural, charitable, fraternal, patriotic and religious activities, and known throughout the state for leadership of Italo-American women's movements; born in Messina, Italy, the daughter of Giuseppe and Domenica (Fiorentino) Zagarella. She was educated at the convent of Sant Anna, in Sorrento, Italy. After graduating from this institution, she went to Palermo where she taught the children of the new

recruits of the World War. In 1917 she immigrated to the United States with her mother and brother, settling in Providence. Since coming to Providence she has been in the forefront in Italo-American women's activities. She has always been an active supporter of religious work, for which she received a merit certificate from Societa San Paolo, of Rome, Italy. To welfare activities she has devoted untiringly of her time and strength. She had helped to raise funds for the American Red Cross, Italian Red Cross, Community Fund, Charity Fund. In addition to these she has contributed for the success of the Order Sons of Italy and for the Italian School.

In the field of Italo-American women's activities, Mrs. Calabro is one of our outstanding leaders. She is one of the founders of Ada Negri Club; venerable of Lodge Gloria of Order Sons of Italy. She is the founder of numerous educational and cultural clubs. She has attended many conferences as a representative of various Italian women's lodges.

On June 6, 1918, Mrs. Calabro married Filippo Calabro, a jewelry manufacturer. They are the parents of four children: 1. Josephine, a student teacher; 2. Elena, a student at the R. I. College of Education; 3. Hilda, a student at the convent of Sacred Heart at Elmhurst; 4. Olga, a student at the convent of Sacred Heart at Elmhurst. Home: 251 Jastram Street, Providence, R. I.

COLUCCI, Maria (Formichelli)

For many years prominent in Italo-American women's organizations; born in Isernia, Province of Campobasso, Italy, the daughter of Ferdinando and Maria (Marracino) Formichelli. Her father, a well-known patriot, fought under Garibaldi for the unification of Italy. He died in Providence in 1929.

His red shirt and war medals are now in the possession of his daughter, Mrs. Colucci.

In 1902, accompanied by her father and sister, Nicoletta, she came to the United States to join her brother, Carlo, in Providence. She has long been a leader in Italo-American women's social, fraternal, cultural and patriotic movements. In 1908, she organized a committee of Italian women which gave a benefit concert at the Y.W.C.A., for the relief of earthquake sufferers of Messina, Italy. She showed so much ability and efficiency on that memorable occasion that she received a letter of commendation from Her Majesty, Queen Helen of Italy. During the World War she was active in sending clothing to needy soldiers and refugees in Italy.

Mrs. Colucci is a founder and for eight years venerable of Lodge Gloria of the Order Sons of Italy. She is a founder and an honorary member of Convivio Club.

In 1903 Mrs. Colucci married Lorenzo Colucci, a native of Teano, Italy. They are the parents of four children: 1. Mrs. Marcella D' Irri; 2. Horace, a pharmacist and owner of a drug store; 3. Frank, an electrician; 4. Armand, a musician.

CORVESE, Anthony, M.D.

Born in Marzano Appio, Province of Naples, Italy, November 26, 1889, the son of Bartolomeo and Antonia (Ricci) Corvese. He was brought to the United States in boyhood in 1896, to join his father in Providence, who had emigrated three years previously.

After attending the public schools he graduated from Rhode Island College of Pharmacy in 1906. In 1912, he graduated from Tufts Medical College receiving a cum laude diploma. Following graduation from medical school, he served internship at the fol-

lowing Hospitals: Charles V. Chapin Hospital, Rhode Island Hospital, Providence Lying-In-Hospital.

He began practice of medicine in August, 1915. During the World War served overseas with the United States Army as lieutenant in Medical Corps. During the St. Michel and Argonne Meuse drives he was in the front line field hospital. After the Armistice he served three months with the army of occupation in Germany. He was honorably discharged in 1919 with the rank of Captain. He then resumed practice.

Dr. Corvese is assistant surgeon at Rhode Island Hospital, surgeon at Charles V. Chapin Hospital, surgeon at the State Hospital, consulting surgeon at the South County Hospital, and gynecologist at the House of Good Shepherd. He is one of the founders and past president of Malpighi Medical Club, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a member of the American Medical Association, the Rhode Island Medical Society, and Providence Medical Society. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Federal Hill House. He is a member and past commander of Providence Post American Legion and chairman of Troop 9, Boy Scouts of America. He is also a member of the State Board of Medical Examiners. Dr. Corvese is a member of the Aurora Club. In May, 1925, Dr. Corvese married Maria Leoni. They are the parents of two children: 1. William; 2. Louis. Address: 243 Broadway, Providence, R. I. (From 1st Edition, *Italo-Americans of R. I.*, 1936.)

CAMBIO, Frank C.

Assistant Attorney General; born in Providence, August 14, 1898, the curio) Cambio, who were born re- son of Camillo and Maria S. (Mer-

spectively, at Ciorlano, and Isernia, Province of Campobasso, Italy.

He attended the Providence public schools, Classical High School, Brown University and Harvard Law School. He was admitted to the bar on May 5, 1922, and immediately began the active practice of law. He was authorized to practice before the U. S. District Court on January 28, 1925.

From 1925 to 1936 he was a partner of the firm of Pettine, Godfrey and Cambio, and since 1936 has been associated with Edward L. Godfrey in the firm of Godfrey and Cambio. On December 30, 1938, he was appointed Assistant Attorney General by Louis V. Jackvony, Attorney-General of Rhode Island, an office which he ably fills to the general satisfaction of his superior and members of the bar.

Prominent in Italo-American professional, social, civic and fraternal activities, he has held office in the Aurora and Italo-American Clubs. His affiliations include R. I. Bar Association, Brown Club of Providence, Aurora and Italo-American Clubs.

In 1923, Mr. Cambio married Adelina Benevenga. They are the parents of two children: 1. Maria S.; 2. Frank C., Jr. Office: 58 Weybosset Street. Home: 19 Ravenswood Avenue, Providence, R. I.

CARNEVALE, Giuseppe

Businessman; born in Pico, Province of Frosinone, Italy, March 13, 1888, the son of Sebastiano and Candelora (Carnevale) Carnevale.

He attended the public schools of his native town. When he was eighteen years old he immigrated to the United States, settling in Providence. Upon arriving here, he worked on anything he could find in order to make an honest living, and with his sheer intelligence and determination, he made his own way in the world. In

1922 he established a flourishing laundry business, under the name of Superior Laundry, of which he is the sole owner. Because of its complete and efficient services, Mr. Carnevale has been very successful in his business.

In addition to his work, Mr. Carnevale is active in religious circles, being a member of the Italian Protestant Church. He is a member and one of the founders of Pico Society.

On June 25, 1912, Mr. Carnevale married Rosa DiManna, a native of Pico, Italy, Mrs. Carnevale is deeply interested in church activities. Mr. and Mrs. Carnevale are the parents of four children: 1. Sebastiano; 2. Mary, a bookkeeper for her father; 3. William; 4. Josephine. Office: 245 Huntington Avenue, Providence, R. I.

CONTI, Luigi

President and Treasurer, Benjamin Franklin Press, Inc., printers, publishers, stationers. 91 Broadway, Providence, R. I. See also Page 67, First Edition, Italo Americans of Rhode Island, 1936.

CONTI, John

Founder and proprietor of Providence Monumental Works, 314 Branch avenue, Providence, R. I. See also Page 55, First Edition, Italo-Americans of Rhode Island, 1936.

CARNEGLIA, Vito

Assistant to the president, Uncas Manufacturing Company; born in Forio D' Ischia, in the island of Ischia, Province of Naples, Italy, May 6, 1897, the son of Aniello and Libera (Del Ponte) Carneglia, both natives of the same town.

He attended the public schools and

at the age of 16 he immigrated to the United States, settling in Providence. On coming to Providence, young Carneglia, an ambitious youth, with a receptive mind and habits of thought and observation, immediately set out to make his own way in the land of opportunity. He entered the employ of Vincent Sorrentino, then a rising young jewelry manufacturer, and devoted his evenings in serving an apprenticeship at the stone setting trade. Three years of apprenticeship, combined with his natural intelligence, gave Mr. Carneglia the foundation with which to build a future for himself. At the expiration of his apprenticeship he worked as a jewelry craftsman in the employ of Vincent Sorrentino. For a while he worked for other jewelry concerns, but later returned to Sorrentino & Lanigan. When the Uncas Manufacturing Company was organized by Vincent Sorrentino, Mr. Carneglia was placed in charge of the stone setting department. Steadily rising in position, he later became assistant superintendent, and in 1934 he was promoted assistant to the president, a position which he still fills with marked success. Mr. Carneglia has travelled extensively in all parts of the United States as a representative of the Uncas Manufacturing Company, and he is everywhere known for his efficiency, courtesy and pleasing personality.

Mr. Carneglia is a member of the Aurora Club and Verdandi Male Chorus Association.

On June 20, 1921, Mr. Carneglia married Theresa Del Ponte, daughter of Mr. Michelangelo and Mrs. Lucia Del Ponte. They are the parents of two children: 1. Donald; 2. Doris. Home: 20 Cathedral Avenue, Providence, R. I.

CAMILLONI, Giuseppe

Distinguished blind violinist, pianist and composer; born in Trevi, Province of Frosinone, Italy, March 19, 1886, the son of Pietro and Elisabetta Del Signore.

After achieving a notable success in Italy, for which he was awarded medals of distinction in music by King Victor Emmanuel III, Professor Camilloni immigrated to the United States in 1921, settling in Providence, where he joined his brother, Antonio.

In October, 1921, he gave a concert in Pianoforte and violin at Schubert-Majestic Theatre, where in the presence of a large and enthusiastic gathering he demonstrated his wonderful skill and mastery. In 1923 he gave a successful recital in the Art Association Hall, in Newport, R. I. On November 29, 1927, he gave a highly successful piano concert in the Town Hall in New York. He has done much for promoting musical education among school children by means of the radio. For several years he was organist and Chapel Maestro of Holy Ghost Church. On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of Holy Ghost Church, he composed a pontifical Mass Processional, especially dedicated to the Holy Ghost.

He is the author of a vast repertoire of compositions for piano, violin, voice and other instruments. Many of his compositions have been published, others will be published later.

CARLONE, Gennaro

Businessman; born in Pietravairano, Province of Naples, Italy, October 14, 1895, the son of Antonio and Teresa De Robbio Carlone.

He attended the public schools of his native town, and on reaching his military age, he served in the Italian Army.

He immigrated to the United States in 1921, settling in Pawtucket, R. I. Upon arriving here, he obtained employment in a grocery store and mastered every branch of the business. On May 28, 1928, he started his own grocery store in Pawtucket. After selling out this business, he opened a new grocery store at 1075 Charles street, North Providence, which he has successfully operated since 1933.

On December 27, 1919, Mr. Carlone married Gabriella De Robbio, a native of Pietravairano, Italy. They are the parents of two children: 1. Antonio; 2. Vincenzo. Business address: 1075 Charles street, North Providence, R. I.

CIVITO, Joseph

Manager of J. H. P. Welding Company; born in Providence, February 2, 1902, the son of Carlo and Angiolina Civito, both natives of Italy.

Following his education received in the Providence public schools and at Technical High School, he served an apprenticeship at Brown & Sharpe Manufacturing Company, graduating as a machinist in 1921. He immediately worked as a skilled machinist in various shops until he went to work for the J. H. Welding Company. He won there rapid advancement, and in a few years became manager of the company. This concern specializes in repair work for all kinds of machineries.

In 1922, Mr. Civito married Ethel Pugh, a native of Providence. They are the parents of two children: 1. Dolores; 2. Jean. Business address: 54 Troy street, Providence, R. I.

CHIAPPINELLI, Salvatore

Prominent jewelry manufacturer and philanthropist; born in Teano, Province of Naples, Italy, November 1, 1873, the son of Bartolomeo and Lucia (Cinquagrana) Chiappinelli.

In 1895, he immigrated to the United States, settling in Providence.

In addition to his jewelry manufacturing business, he is also actively interested in the real estate business.

Active in the business life of the city of adoption, and well known as a public-spirited citizen, Mr. Chiappinelli has long been identified as a trustee of Holy Ghost Church, and is known for his interest in raising funds for welfare and religious institutions.

Mr. Chiappinelli is married to Pasqualina Diodati and is the father of nine children: (1) Bartolomeo; 2. Lucio; 3. Pia; 4. Antonio; 5. Filomena; 6. Josephine; 7. Irma; 8. Rita; 9. Federico. Office: 105 Gordon avenue; home: 478 Broadway, Providence, R. I.

CAPASSO, Ralph

Manufacturer of Italian cigars; born in Mercato San Severino, Province of Salerno, Italy, January 28, 1891, the son of Enrico Capasso and Enrichetta (Risi) Capasso. His father, who died some thirty years ago, came from Piedimonte D'Alife, Italy.

Young Capasso attended the public schools of his native town until 1903, at which time he was brought to the United States by his parents, who settled in Providence. Starting life as a circus magician, he travelled throughout the United States. He continued this work until 1930, at which time he opened a factory for the manufacture of Italian cigars on his own account, and which he successfully operates under the name of Reflection Cigar Company. Mr. Capasso is the originator of the package of three cigars known as 3-4-5, a brand which has been introduced throughout the United States, and especially in New England.

Mr. Capasso, an energetic and capable business man, is a member of the Elks, the Eagles, and takes an active part in the life of the community.

In 1917, Mr. Capasso married Carolina Lalla of New York and Westerly. Business address: 124 Atwells avenue, Providence, R. I.

CONTI, Leo J.

Registered pharmacist; born in Barga, Province of Lucca, Italy, November 11, 1894, the son of Pietro and Emilia (Caproni) Conti. His father was a well-known business man. His mother is a member of the Caproni family, pioneer Italian settlers who have figured prominently in the history of the Italo-Americans of Rhode Island.

In 1896, he was brought to the United States by his mother to join his father in Providence. He attended the local elementary schools and English High School. Later, he entered the Rhode Island College of Pharmacy, from which he graduated with the degree of Ph. G., in 1924. Following his graduation, he entered the drug business for himself on Broadway, establishing the Conti Pharmacy, which he has conducted ever since.

In 1924, Mr. Conti married Eva Martini, a native of Providence. They are the parents of one child: Leo J., Jr. Business address: 506 Broadway, Providence, R. I.

CALCAGNI, Louis

General contractor and builder; born in Arce, Province of Frosinone, Italy, November 11, 1902, the son of Eleuterio and Filomena Calcagni. After attending the public schools of his native town, he served an apprenticeship at the cabinet making trade. At the expiration of his apprenticeship he followed his trade in Rome and other cities in Italy. In 1920 he immigrated to the United States, settling in Providence. Upon his arrival here he obtained work as a carpenter for various leading contractors. These years of ex-

perience, combined with his training in Italy and business ability, gave Mr. Calcagni the foundation to build a business for himself. In 1924 in association with his brother, Alfred Calcagni, he engaged in business as a general contractor and builder, they operating under the firm name of Calcagni Brothers, of which he is president.

Since establishing his firm in 1924, Mr. Calcagni has been very successful. He has built some very fine houses near the best residential districts. Mr. Calcagni ranks high among the promising and energetic contractors and builders.

Mr. Calcagni is a member of the Arcese Society.

On May 24, 1924, Mr. Calcagni married Assunta Cassiere, a descendant from the town of Laurenzana, Province of Basilicata, Italy. They are the parents of two children: 1. Eleuterio; 2. Giovanni. Business address: 190 Wardlaw avenue, Providence, R. I.

CALCAGNI, Alfred

General contractor and builder; born in Arce, Province of Frosinone, Italy, April 17, 1904, the son of Eleuterio and Filomena Calcagni. After attending the public schools of his native town, he served an apprenticeship at the cabinet making trade. At the expiration of his apprenticeship he followed his trade in Rome and other cities in Italy. Becoming very proficient in his work, he left his native country and came to the United States, locating in Providence. Upon his arrival here, he worked as a carpenter for many leading contractors. His skill and knowledge of the work soon led to his becoming associated with his elder brother, Louis Calcagni, in the business of general contractors and builders.

The Calcagni Brothers have made the construction of fine homes their

specialty, together with their remodeling and land development.

Mr. Calcagni is a member of the Arcese Society.

In 1930 Mr. Calcagni married Carmela Fanelli, a descendant from Laurenzana, Province of Basilicata, Italy. They are the parents of two children: 1. Filomena; 2. Addolorata. Address: 701 Academy avenue, Providence, R. I.

CIMINO, Anthony B.

Traveling salesman and a leader in musical, civic and fraternal circles, born in Rhode Island, the son of early Italian immigrants.

Prominently identified as a traveling salesman for H. Midwood Sons Company, wholesale grocers, for more than eleven years, Mr. Cimino holds the esteem of all who have been observant of his progressive activities in the interest of the community.

A man of ability, he has been of considerable assistance to various organizations. Some of his work has been through as secretary of the New England Opera Company, and with the Providence Council No. 67, Commercial Travelers, of which he recently became Senior Counselor. As one affiliated with the Republican Party, Mr. Cimino is taking a very active role in its activities. His ramified connections give him intimate contact with the principal currents in the development of our city and State.

Keen at business, shrewd in judgment in all things, genial, warm in his humor, Mr. Cimino has a legion of friends throughout Rhode Island.

CHIAVERINI, Francis

Registered architect and engineer. For almost twenty-four years, Mr. Chiaverini has been known for his successful professional activities. He is regarded as one of the outstanding Italo-

Americans of Rhode Island and is highly esteemed for his abilities and for his many fine qualities. His professional standing in the community is such that he was appointed by former Governor Green, to the important post of Chief of State Division of Public Buildings and Consulting Architect of the R. I. Emergency Public Works Commission.

Mr. Chiaverini was born in Palena, Province of Chieti, Italy, January 1, 1893, the son of Edward and Maria Etta (Sica) Chiaverini. A great grandfather, Don Raphael Chiaverini, was a provincial engineer and as such he designed many public works.

He received his early education in the public schools of his native town, but while still in his teens, he was brought to the United States by his mother, to join his father in Providence. He attended the Providence public schools and then studied in the Atelier Rosener and the Harvard Graduate School of Architecture under Prof. Charles W. Killam and under Prof. Jean Haffner at the Beau Arts in Paris.

He was engineer and designer with Leland S. Rosner, consulting architect and engineer; a structural designer for a large oil company in California; an engineer designer for the Federal Government; was with a big powder company at one time, was associated with Wesley H. Blank, instructor in engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; under the firm of Chiaverini & Blank, engaged in independent practice in architecture and engineering for 10 years and has designed and supervised construction of many public and religious buildings, including the winning of the competition of the Italian orphanage to be built in Providence.

He checked and approved structural plans for the late Spencer B. Hopkins, Providence building inspector, and for many years had been keyman and archi-

tect in the Providence public buildings department.

During the incumbency of his office as Chief of State Division of Public Buildings, Mr. Chiaverini had direct supervision and care of the State House, the State Office building, Providence County Court House and other court houses, armories, the Rumford rifle range, the Soldiers' Home in Bristol, repairs to State institutions, repairs to R. I. State College, the R. I. College of Education, the Wallum Lake Sanatorium and all the military buildings. He discharged the duties of his high office with complete efficiency and to the entire satisfaction of the Governor and the State which he served.

Mr. Chiaverini resumed his private practice as registered engineer and architect on April 8, 1939. Despite the fact that it is but a little more than a year since he has resumed his private practice, he has already designed the new building for Beta Psi Alpha Fraternity, at R. I. State College, an organization made up of all Italo-Americans; the new building of the Warwick Ice Cream Company at Warwick, R. I., which will be one of the most modern and best equipped ice-cream plants in the country; a pencil manufacturing plant on Huntington avenue, Providence, and numerous other buildings.

Mr. Chiaverini is a member of the American Society of Military Engineers, the American Society of Engineers, the Harvard Club of Rhode Island, the Aurora Club and the Italo-American Democratic League of Rhode Island.

On June 1st 1916, Mr. Chiaverini married Clorinda Schiappi, a native of Terracina, Italy. They are the parents of three daughters: 1. Frances; 2. Ada; 3. Leonida. Home: 21 Lotus Pl. Office: 815 Union Trust Building, Providence, R. I.

CARLONE, Edmund J.

Assistant manager, Atwells Avenue Branch of the Industrial Trust Company; born in Providence, May 22, 1906, the son of Domenico and Concetta (Conca) Carlone.

He received his preliminary education in the local public schools and Commercial High School. Later he entered Bentley School of Accounting and Finance, graduating in accountancy in 1930. After completing his education, he entered at once in the active practice of his profession. In 1931 he entered the service of the Atwells Avenue Branch of the Industrial Trust Company as teller, and in 1937 was promoted to assistant manager.

During the period of his connection he has amply demonstrated the value of his services to the company, and is now well known in the business and financial circles of this very important section of Providence.

In other fields of activity, Mr. Carlone has also been prominent. He is Treasurer of the Italo-American Club of Rhode Island, and Vice-President of the Federal Hill Business Men's Association. He is a most promising young Italo-American, and his kindly and genial personality have won him warm friendship throughout the city.

On October 26, 1936, Mr. Carlone married Vitalina Galluccio, a native of Providence. Home: 328 Mount Pleasant avenue, Providence, R. I.

CIPOLLA, Jack

Registered pharmacist; born in Natick, R. I., April 22, 1904, the son of Antonio and Teresa (Palazzo) Cipolla, who were born respectively, at Fornelli, and Grazzanise, Italy.

He attended the public schools of Natick, West Warwick High School and Rhode Island College of Pharmacy, graduating with the degree of Ph. G. in 1927. Since 1929 he has been

proprietor of Jack's Drug Store, in Natick. He is a member of Leo Council, Knights of Columbus, for which organization he served for eight years as recording secretary.

On May 1, 1928, Mr. Cipolla married Emilia Ucci, American born. They are the parents of two children: 1. Dolores; 2. Jacqueline. Business address: 715 Providence street, Natick, R. I.

CIANCI, Anthony A.

Contractor and builder; born in Roccamonfina, Province of Naples, Italy, April 8, 1896, the son of Giuseppe and Orsola (Santantonio) Cianci, both natives of the same town. His father also a contractor and builder, followed his business both in Italy and in this country. He died in Providence in 1934.

Anthony A. Cianci was brought to this country by his mother in 1897 to join his father in Providence. He attended the local public schools and Rhode Island School of Design, where he pursued a course in architecture, graduating in 1912. After completing his education, he assisted his father in his contracting and building business until 1918, when he started his business on his own account, under the name of Cianci Construction Company, Inc.

During the twenty-two years that Mr. Cianci has been in business, his enterprise has flourished exceedingly and is now one of the most important of its kind in this section of the State, and Mr. Cianci is justly regarded as one of the most capable and progressive contractors in Providence. He specializes in all types of commercial and public buildings. He has designed and built many large and important buildings throughout the city and State. Mr. Cianci is also a successful real estate developer. At present he is engaged in

developing a land project at Rumford, R. I., involving approximately half a million dollars worth of property.

Deeply interested in public affairs, in May, 1940, Mr. Cianci was appointed by the Mayor of Providence a member of the Building Board of the City of Providence for a term of five years, the first Italo-American ever to hold such an office.

He is a member of the Italo-American Club, the Eagles, Benevolent Order of Elks and other organizations.

On September 25, 1922, Mr. Cianci married Michelina Carlone, American-born. They are the parents of three children: 1. Dolores; 2. Alma; 3. Orsola. Office: 176 Sterling avenue, Providence, R. I.

CAMPAGNA, Anthony T.

Proprietor and manager of Franklin Printing Company; born in Bristol, R. I., September 8, 1914, the son of Carmelo and Maria Mancuso Campagna, who were born respectively, at Lebrizzi, Province of Messina, and Casteldaccia, Province of Palermo, Italy.

He received his education in the Bristol public schools and at Providence Trade School, where he learned the printing trade, completing his course in 1930. His first employment was in various printing shops in Providence and Bristol, where he gained the necessary experience and a full knowledge of the trade. In 1938 he opened his own printing plant under the name of Franklin Printing Company. The plant is perfectly equipped to execute everything from the simplest business card to the most elaborate catalog. An energetic and ambitious young man, Mr. Campagna has succeeded well and is now conducting a flourishing business.

Mr. Campagni is a member of San Giovanni Society of Providence, La

Bella Sicilia Society, Cup Defenders Association, Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Mr. Campagna conducts his business under the name of Franklin Printing Company; office: 124 Franklin street, Bristol, R. I.

CIRILLO, Gaetano

Businessman; born in Viesti, Province of Foggia, Italy, October 21, 1882, the son of Paolo and Giuseppina Fabrizio Cirillo, who were born respectively, in Naples, and Viesti, Italy. His paternal grand father was a refugee from Naples, who settled in Viesti in 1860, in order to escape from the political persecution of the King of Naples.

Mr. Cirillo attended the public schools and Technical School of his native town. After completing his education, he helped to manage his father's estate. In 1904 he immigrated to the United States. After living in various cities, in 1906 he settled in Bristol, where he went to work for the U. S. Rubber Company. After a few years, in 1913, having saved some money, Mr. Cirillo was able to establish a grocery store in Bristol. For the past five years he has been conducting a successful grocery store in Warren, R. I.

In October, 1899, he married in Italy, Agata Russo, also a native of Viesti. His wife came to the United States in 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Cirillo are the parents of six children: 1. Paul, a foreman at Central Falls; 2. Louis; 3. Josephine; 4. Anthony, a foreman at Cumberland Mills. 5. Carmine; 6. Angiolina. Home: 411 High street, Bristol, R. I. Business address: 189 Main street, Warren, R. I.

CIARLA, Peter Philomen, M.D.

Born in Providence, R. I., January 11, 1907, the son of Pietro and An-

gelina (Messore) Ciarla, both natives of Italy.

He received his preliminary education in the public schools of Newport and Rogers High School, from which he graduated in 1925. Subsequently he attended Providence College, where he completed his pre-medical course, and received his degree of Ph.B. in 1931. He afterward studied at the New York Medical College and Flower Hospital, from which he graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1936.

He spent his internship at East Orange General Hospital, East Orange, N. J. For two years he practiced his profession at Morristown and Millbury. While there he served on the surgical staff of the East Orange General Hospital, and on the courtesy staff of Overlook and All Souls Hospitals. His professional affiliations were the Essex County Medical Society and New Jersey Medical Society.

For six months he served as surgeon in the U. S. Army.

He has been in the active practice of his profession in Newport since 1939.

Dr. Ciarla is on the courtesy staff of the Newport Hospital.

His professional, fraternal and social affiliations include Newport County Medical Society, the Elks, Brotherhood Society of Newport, Lodge Progresso and Civiltà of Order Sons of Italy.

On June 6, 1936, Dr. Ciarla married Eleanor Pizzi, a native of New York City. They are the parents of two children: 1. Angelica Elaine; 2. Philomen Peter, Jr. Office: 7 R. I. Avenue, Newport, R. I.

CALDARONE, Nicola

Head of this branch of the family in Rhode Island, first immigrant from Marzano Appio, Italy, in the banking

business since 1897, and one of the outstanding builders of the Italo-American community during the country's greatest era of industrial expansion.

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CAPPELLI, Antonio F.

Head of this branch of the family in Rhode Island, one of the earliest immigrants from Prata Sannita, Italy, retired wholesale wine and liquor merchant, and one of the outstanding figures in the upbuilding of the Italo-American community during the country's greatest era of industrial expansion.

See Page 95, First Edition, *Italo-Americans of Rhode Island*, 1936.

CESARE, Pasquale

Proprietor of Sunrex Company and prominent in Italo-American business, social and fraternal affairs; born in San Paulo, Brazil, April 15, 1894, the son of Salvatore and Anna (Pirozzi) Cesaro, both natives of Aversa, Province of Naples, Italy. He attended the public schools of Brazil until the age of seven, at which time his parents returned to Italy. He there attended the public schools of Aversa, and as a youth of 16, he immigrated to these shores.

Upon his arrival in Providence, he worked at various occupations, and during his spare time studied the English language. During the World War he enlisted in the U. S. Aviation Corps, being attached at Kelley Field, No. 1, San Antonio, Texas, and was honorably discharged because of injury in 1918.

Following his discharge, he became interested in many activities. In 1927 he invented the Sunrex Oil Burner, an

improved type of oil burner which he had patented. The Sunrex Company was soon established to manufacture Sunrex Range Oil Burners, of which he became President and General Manager. In addition to range oil burners, a full line of up-to-date kitchen ranges and domestic and imported rugs are included at the salesrooms of the Sunrex Company.

Mr. Cesaro, a genial and generous man, is one of the most enterprising and successful business men of the Federal Hill section. He is active in community affairs, and is a conspicuous figure in Italo-American fraternal and social affairs. He is a member of Antonio Mangione Post of the American Legion and charter member of the Aurora Club.

On July 20, 1920, Mr. Cesaro married Giulia Munos. They are the parents of three children: 1. Richard; 2. Clement; 3. Pasquale, Jr. Business address: 272 Atwells avenue, Providence, R. I.

DI SANDRO, Domenico

Representative from the 6th Assembly District; born in Cordova, Argentine Republic, November 6, 1901, the son of Michele and Maria (De Iorio) Di Sandro, natives of Colli al Volturno, Province of Campobasso, Italy.

He attended the public schools of Colli al Volturno until the age of 11, at which time he came to the United States to join his father in Providence. Upon arriving here he attended the evening public schools and prepared himself for citizenship, graduating from the Branch Avenue School in 1914.

Many years ago he entered the employ of F. D. McKendall Lumber Co., with which concern he is identified as traveling salesman.

Since January, 1937, he has been a member of the State Legislature, hav-

ing been elected twice to the House of Representatives, his present term expiring in 1940. Mr. Di Sandro's service to his constituents have been of great value, serving his people with his best energies and his fullest measure of enthusiasm, with the result that he is highly esteemed and respected in widely varying walks of life.

Mr. Di Sandro is a member of the Italo-American Citizens Club; Knights of Columbus; 4th Ward Democratic Club.

In 1923 Mr. Di Sandro married Mary A. McGowan. They became the parents of three children: 1. Domenic, Jr. 2. Marietta; 3. Mercedes.

De RUSSO, Rocco

Actor, singer and manager of the musical and dramatic company, Arte Vera; born at Sant' Arsenio, Province of Salerno, Italy, March 16, 1885, the son of Pietro and Maria (Spinelli) De Russo. He began his career as an actor and singer in his early childhood in Italy. He came to the United States in 1905. Since he has been here he has successfully managed American tours of leading Italian actors, singers and musicians. He is well known in the theatrical field not only as an actor and singer of wide experience and ability, but also as an author of several popular dramas which he has produced through his own company. He operates and manages the musical and dramatic company, Arte Vera, which company, under his able direction, has played in many large cities of the United States.

Mr. De Russo has been active in many Italo-American civic affairs. In recognition of the many facilities offered by his company in raising funds for needy Italians, for the Red Cross and for civic and religious organizations, he received the decoration of

Commendatore of the Military Order of the Mercedes.

Commendatore De Russo is married to Susy Imundi, who is associated with her husband as singer for the company. He is the father of the following children: 1. Umberto, an artist, residing in New York City; 2. Italia; 3. Mrs. Adelgisa Suriano. Office: 61 Wayland avenue, Cranston, R. I.

DALPIAN, Silvio

Cabinet maker, born in Pedevena, Province of Belluno, Italy, April 4, 1910, the son of Enrico and Luigina Dal Pian. When six years old he was brought to the United States by his parents, who settled at Stafford Springs, Conn. He attended the public schools of Stafford Springs and later learned the carpenter and cabinet making trade at the Manchester Trade School, Manchester, Conn. After completing his apprentice training he moved to Providence in 1928 and followed his trade in many leading concerns of its kind.

In 1937 he started his own business, specializing in cabinet making, repairing of all kinds of wood work and jewelry pattern work.

In September, 1932, Mr. Dal Pian married Maria Mastrodicasa of Providence. They became the parents of two children: 1. Robert; 2. Dick.

Mr. Dal Pian is engaged in business under the name of General Cabinet Company, located at 84 Atwells avenue, Providence, R. I.

De MAIO, Mario

Clerk, supply department at Brown & Sharpe Mfg. Co.; born in Providence, January 20, 1910, the son of John and Maria (Lerz) De Maio, both natives of Campobasso, Italy.

He attended the local public schools and Technical High School, from which he graduated in January, 1928.

At the age of 18 he went to work as receiving clerk at the Outlet Company; in 1933 he obtained a position as clerk in the supply department at Brown & Sharpe Mfg. Co., a position which he has held ever since.

Deeply interested in military affairs, on January 7, 1926, he enlisted as private in headquarters battery and combat train, 1st Battalion, 103rd Field Artillery, R. I. N. G. In 1927 he was promoted to corporal; in 1928 to sergeant and staff sergeant; in 1930 he was promoted to 1st sergeant; on April 2, 1932, he was commissioned 2nd lieutenant and assigned to headquarters battery and combat train, 2nd Battalion. On March 15, 1935, he was promoted to 1st lieutenant and assigned to headquarters, 2nd Battalion, as liaison officer. On September 11, 1937, he attended the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, graduating on December 11, 1937. In September, 1937, he was re-assigned as executive officer of Battery E, 103rd Field Artillery. At present he holds a certificate of capacity as Captain of Field Artillery.

On July 13, 1932, he married Mary W. Hanley of Providence. They became the parents of two children: 1. John Thomas; 2. Robert Mario.

De CESARE, William, D.D.S.

Was born in Providence, June 18, 1912, the son of Francesco and Theresa (Manzi) De Cesare, who were born respectively, at Marzano Appio, and Frosolone, Italy.

He was educated in the Providence public schools and Commercial High School, from which he graduated in 1929. After attending a post-graduate course at Classical High School, he entered the University of Maryland, from which he graduated in 1936, with the degree of D.D.S. He after-

wards served his internship in dental surgery at Bellevue Hospital in New York, receiving a certificate of qualification in 1937.

He has been engaged in the practice of his profession in Providence since September, 1937.

He is affiliated with many professional, civic and social organizations, including the Young Italian Imperial Club.

Dr. De Cesare is registered to practice dentistry in Rhode Island and his office is at 316 Turks Head Building, Providence, R. I.

Di LORENZO, Michael G.

State Probation Officer; born in Providence, April 29, 1911, the son of Pietro and Rosina Gentile, who were born respectively, at Pratella and Ailano, Italy.

He received his early education in the local public schools and La Salle Academy, from which he graduated in 1930. He then entered Providence College where he specialized in education and philosophy, graduating in 1934, with the degree of Ph.B. Upon completing his educational training, he did voluntary work as a social worker.

On October 15, 1935, he was appointed State Probation Officer.

Mr. Di Lorenzo is Vice-president and member R. I. Community Advisory Council; Vice-president Cranston Boys Club; Manager Cranston Baseball Team. His other professional, social and fraternal affiliations include: National Probation Association; Social Workers' Club of Rhode Island; Lodge No. 14 B. P. O. Elks; Committeeman B. S. of America, Troop 16 of Cranston. During the Italo-Ethiopian campaign, he served as secretary for the Italian Committee in Cranston for raising funds for the Italian Red Cross.

DELFINO PHARMACY

In September, 1938, the two brothers, Vincenzo A. Delfino and Carmine N. Delfino, established a partnership under the name, Delfino Pharmacy, offering their services in the dispensing and compounding of high grade drugs. These two young men thoroughly conversant with all branches of the pharmaceutical profession, have built up their pharmacy to a very high degree of usefulness, enjoying not only a large and growing clientele, but also, to a remarkable extent, the confidence of the community.

Vincenzo A. Delfino, older brother, was born in Johnston, (Thornton), January 1, 1904, the son of Biagio and Concetta (Melfi) Delfino. His father, a native of Prata Sannita, Italy, was one of the early Italian settlers of Thornton.

He was educated in the local public schools and Cranston High School. He then attended the Rhode Island College of Pharmacy, from which he graduated with the degree of Ph.G. in 1925.

For eighteen years he was continuously employed as registered pharmacist at Silver Lake Pharmacy, remaining there until September, 1938, at which time he associated himself with his brother in establishing the Delfino Pharmacy.

On June 8, 1931, Mr. Delfino married Emma Apici of Providence. They became the parents of two children: 1. Eleonora; 2. Rita.

Carmine N. Delfino, younger brother, was born in Johnston, (Thornton), September 9, 1910, the son of Biagio and Concetta (Melfi) Delfino. His father, a native of Prata Sannita, Italy, was one of the early Italian settlers of Thornton.

He was educated in the local public schools and La Salle Academy, from which he graduated in 1929. He thereafter attended Providence College for

one year. Entering the Rhode Island College of Pharmacy, he graduated with the degree of Ph.G. in 1933.

For a while he was employed as registered pharmacist at Conti Pharmacy on Broadway. Later, he was employed at Silver Lake Pharmacy, remaining until September, 1938, at which time he associated himself with his brother in establishing the Delfino Pharmacy.

On April 27, 1935, Mr. Delfino married Susie Cambio.

These two popular and promising young men are deeply interested in social, civic and fraternal activities.

The Delfino Pharmacy is located at 447 Manton avenue, Providence, R. I.

De SANTIS, Antonio

Teacher of violin; born in Isoletta, Province of Frosinone, Italy, December 18, 1890, the son of Vincenzo and Concetta (Trementozzi) De Santis.

He was educated in the public schools of his native town until the age of 16, at which time he immigrated to the United States, settling in Providence. Upon arriving here he studied English in the evening schools and prepared himself for citizenship.

He took up the study of violin under private teachers and later studied for six years at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston.

During the World War, he worked as a mechanic at the United States Ship Building Corporation, Newport, R. I.

Mr. De Santis has been engaged as teacher of violin since 1920.

His music studio is at 34 Kimball street, Providence, R. I.

Del GIUDICE, Gregorio

Veteran printer and member of one of the oldest immigrant families to settle at Simmonsville; born in San Gre-

gorio, Province of Benevento, Italy, the son of Filippo and Rosaria Del Giudice, also natives of San Gregorio. His father immigrated to Rhode Island in 1880, settling in Simmonsville. Three years later, Gregorio, then a small boy, was brought to these shores by his mother, Mrs. Del Giudice, to join his father at Simmonsville.

He attended the public schools of Johnston and at an early age obtained employment as a mill worker which he followed until 1895, at which time he learned the printing trade. He has followed this trade ever since.

On February 12, 1889, Mr. Del Giudice married Antonietta Caruolo, a native of Prata Sannita, Italy. They became the parents of four children: 1. Minnie; 2. Anna; 3. Rose; 4. Raymond, a pharmacist.

D'ORSI, Albert

Teacher; born in Providence, May 15, 1910, the son of Filippo and Antonia (Iacovone) D'Orsi, both natives of Capriati al Volturno, Italy.

He received his education in the local public schools and Technical High School, 1928; Rhode Island State College, B.S., 1932. He received the degree of Master of Sciences from the same college in 1933.

He began his active teaching career at R. I. State College, remaining there for two years. Thereafter he taught for five years at Chevy Chase Jr. College and Senior High School, Washington, D. C. In August, 1939, he received an appointment as teacher at the North Providence High School.

Active in military affairs, he is 1st Lieutenant of organized Reserves of the U. S. Army.

Mr. D'Orsi is a member of Phi Kappa Phi (National Scholastic Society); Beta Psi Alpha of R. I. State College and other organizations.

De LUCA, Michael

Teacher; born in North Providence, January 7, 1910, the son of Antonio and Maddalena Zuchero, natives of Conca Casale, Italy.

He received his education at Boston College, B.A., 1933, majoring in pre-medical sciences. He attended extension courses at Rhode Island College of Education; pursued special studies at Brown University. Instructor of biology at Providence Y. M. C. A. and Pawtucket Y. M. C. A., 1936; investigator Division of Old Age Security, State Public Welfare Department, 1937-1939; attended extension courses in education at the State Summer School. On August 21, 1939, he received an appointment as teacher at North Providence High School. He is a member of the R. I. Community Advisory Council.

On April 25, 1936, Mr. De Luca married Anna Vellucci.

Del SESTO, Angelo

Founder and owner of Van Dell Company, manufacturing jeweler and instructor of jewelry design; born in Providence, June 10, 1896, the son of Antonio and Maria (Tella) Del Sesto. After attending the Providence public schools and Rhode Island School of Design, at an early age he went to work in local jewelry factories, starting first as an apprentice and later as a jewelry craftsman, in which he demonstrated his ability. He later helped to build up the Barker & Barker Manufacturing Company, of which he was president for ten years. At present he is the owner of Van Dell Company, a concern which specializes in manufacturing all kinds of jewelry. Mr. Del Sesto, in addition to being a manufacturing jeweler, for the past eighteen years has taught jewelry design at R. I. School of Design. His professional, so-

cial, civic and fraternal affiliations include Italo-American Club, Civita and Utopian Clubs.

On June 18, 1938, he married Sarah Devlin of Providence. Mr. Del Sesto's office is at 185 Eddy street, Providence, R. I.

Di STEFANO, John A.

Violinist and teacher of music; born in Alatri, Province of Frosinone, Italy, February 3, 1898, the son of Andrea and Filomena (Gatta) Di Stefano.

He received his early education in the public schools of his native town until 1907, at which time he was brought to the United States by his mother.

When only eight years old he was placed under the tutorship of a music teacher. At the age of ten he studied music under the late Prof. Donato Lauria. In later years he studied at the Ondricek Studios of Violin Art in Boston, specializing himself in violin, receiving his diploma in 1934. Mr. Di Stefano has been teaching ever since he was twenty years old and has successfully appeared in many concerts.

On June 18, 1927, he married Celia Fera. They became the parents of three children: John, Jr.; 2. Anthony; 3. Theodore.

Mr. Di Stefano's studio is at 1432 Westminster street, Providence, R. I.

Di MEO, Isidoro, D.C., Ph.T.

Born in Pratella, Province of Campobasso, Italy, January 6, 1894, the son of Angelo and Vittoria (Testa) Di Meo.

He received his early education in the public schools of his native town until 1907, at which time he was brought to the United States by his parents, the family settling in Providence.

Upon his arrival in Providence, he worked at anything he could find, devoting his evenings to the study of the English language in the public schools. His ambitions and capabilities were far beyond those of an ordinary journeyman, and after a few years he took up the study of chiropractic at the American University of Chicago, graduating in 1923. He later attended the Boston Evening Clinic and Hospital, where he completed a full course of Physical Therapeutics, graduating on June 14, 1935.

On July 15, 1935, he was appointed associate visiting Physio-Therapist in the Physio-Therapist Department of the Clinic.

In 1912, Dr. Di Meo married Ella Lukowski. They became the parents of six children: 1. Walter; 2. Mathilde; 3. William; 4. Ralph; 5. Isidor, Jr.; 6. Francis.

Dr. Di Meo's office is at 19 Parade street, Providence, R. I.

DIMEO, Joseph

President and treasurer of Dimeo Construction Company; born in Venafrò, Italy, May 8, 1893, the son of Domenico and Alessandra Triangolo Dimeo. When an infant he was brought to the United States by his mother to join his father in Providence. He attended the local public schools until the age of 15, at which time he worked on various occupations. At the age of 17 he began to learn the stone cutting business from his father, a granite contractor. He later became his father's partner in the business. In 1918 he was employed as foreman for various contractors. After acquiring a thorough knowledge of all the details of the contracting business, in 1920 he became an associate member of Balchin Construction Corporation. In 1931 he established the Dimeo Construction

Company, specializing in all types of building construction. Mr. Dimeo's works are now scattered through Rhode Island.

Mr. Dimeo is a member of the Aurora Club of Rhode Island.

On June 2, 1926, Mr. Dimeo married Livia Storti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Storti, who immigrated to Rhode Island from Capriati al Volturno, Italy, and were among the earliest Italian settlers in Providence. Mr. and Mrs. Dimeo became the parents of three children: 1. Alexander Joseph; 2. Eleanor Frances; 3. Thomas Paul. Mr. and Mrs. Dimeo maintain their home at 18 Talbot Manor, Edgewood, R. I. Mr. Dimeo's office is at 75 Westminster street, Providence, R. I.

Di MUCCIO, Pasquale

Businessman and former town official; born in Valle Agricola, Province of Benevento, Italy, February 6, 1896, the son of Antonio and Filomena (Di Muccio) Di Muccio. When five years old he was brought to the United States by his mother to join his father at North Providence. Following his graduation from the Lymanville Grammar School, he went to work for F. W. Whipple & Co., Providence.

During the World War he enlisted in the U. S. Navy, serving at the Naval Training Station, Newport, R. I. He was honorably discharged on February 5, 1919. After working as carpenter, contractor and State Inspector at Wallum Lake Sanitarium, he became Town Inspector at North Providence High School. He later served as Tax Assessor for North Providence from 1936 to 1938. He is a member of American Legion, Lawrence Council of Knights of Columbus. Home: 74 Lyman avenue, North Providence, R. I.

D'AVANZO, Rachele

Teacher of costume and construction; born in New York City, August 4, 1913, the daughter of Charles and Ida (Spolidoro) D'Avanzo, who were born respectively at Cimitile, Province of Naples, and Viggiano, Province of Potenza, Italy. After attending the public schools of New York City, and the Providence Technical High School she continued her studies at the Rhode Island School of Design. Began as designer with Blue Comet Manufacturing Company in New York City. Later she joined the firm of William Hardy, retail dress makers, also of New York City. She then went to Boston where she was connected with King & Simon, wholesale dress house. In conjunction with her father's tailoring establishment, she conducts a business of her own designing women's suits and clothes. Since 1936 she has taught costume design and construction at Rhode Island School of Design.

On August 26, 1939, she married Charles Modliszewski. Home: 255 Webster avenue, Providence, R. I.

DIMITRI, Vincent

Engineer and architect, born in Providence, September 7, 1900, the son of Francesco and Addolorata (Cala) Dimitri, both natives of Francavilla Fontana, Province of Brindisi, Italy.

He received his education in the local public schools and at Technical High School. After spending one year at Providence College, he attended Rhode Island State College, from which he graduated in 1923 with the degree of C. E. Thereafter he studied architecture for two years at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

After completing his studies he worked for three years for Francis

Chiaverini. On April 1, 1927, he entered private practice by associating himself with his brother, William Dimitri, also a civil engineer and architect, under the name of Dimitri & Dimitri.

He is a member of the American Technical Society. Office: 509 Westminster street, Providence, R. I.

De PALMA, Angela

Teacher; born in Providence, the daughter of Donato and Rosa (Buzzerio) De Palma, both natives of Molfetta, Province of Bari, Italy.

Following her education in the Providence public schools and Technical High School, she entered Rhode Island College of Education, from which she graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Education. She afterwards took up an extension course at Brown University.

In 1931 she began her active career as a public school teacher. She is listed as a teacher at Thurbers Avenue Elementary School.

A most active church worker, she holds the secretaryship of the First Italian Baptist Church. She is an officer and member of the Providence Association of Childhood Welfare; officer and member of Rhode Island Cultural Club.

Di MAIO, Alessandro

Retired businessman; born in Forio d'Ischia, in the island of Ischia, Province of Naples, Italy, July 20, 1878, the son of Matteo and Maria Giuseppa (Morgera) Di Maio.

Leaving school at the age of 13, he learned the bakery trade in his native town and followed it until he immigrated to the United States in 1898, settling in Providence. Upon his arrival in Providence, he worked as a baker

for Charles Hall, in Pawtucket, and for the Providence Public Market, remaining there for ten years. In 1910 he established a high grade bakery business on Academy Avenue, which he sold out a few years ago.

On November 28, 1902, Mr. Di Maio married Amalia Fiore. They became the parents of six children: 1. Matthew, a member of the Providence Fire Department; 2. Mrs. Maria Giuseppa Pastille; 3. Mrs. Fanny Rossi; 4. Mrs. Lina Cannon; 5. Vito; 6. Lucy.

A brother of Mr. Di Maio is Father Chev. Vito Di Maio, who visited Providence in 1926. He is founder and director of a home and hospital for orphans at Alexandria, in Egypt.

Mr. and Mrs. Di Maio maintain their home at 124 Home avenue, Providence, R. I.

Di BENEDETTO, Domenico

Master workman and newspaper correspondent; born in Introdacqua, Province of Aquila, Italy, September 19, 1883, the son of Achille and Maria Concetta (Volpe) Di Benedetto.

After leaving school at an early age, he worked as a farm boy for his father, then he went to Germany to work as a track laborer, and at 18 he immigrated to the United States, settling in Providence. Starting life as an immigrant, he worked here through various occupations. In 1905 he went to Italy to enlist in the Royal Italian Army, serving for two years in the 43rd regiment of infantry. He was honorably discharged as corporal major. Upon his return to Providence in 1909, he went to work for the Universal Winding Company, with which company he is still employed. A gold medal was recently conferred upon him by the company for twenty-

five years of continuous faithful service.

A self-educated man who was forced to leave school at the age of ten, Mr. Di Benedetto has been for the past seventeen years a regular correspondent of *L'Unione*, a weekly Italian newspaper published at Pueblo, Colorado.

On May 9, 1912, Mr. Di Benedetto married in Italy, Clementina Volpe. They became the parents of three children; 1. Concezio; 2. Natalina; 3. Jennie.

DANTONE, Margaret M. A.

Teacher; born in Providence, the daughter of Leonardo and Gaetana (De Marco) Dantone, who were born respectively, at Rodi Garganico, and Campolioto, Italy.

Following her preliminary education in the public schools of Rehoboth and Johnston, she attended the Classical High School, graduating in 1929, Summa Cum Laude. She then entered Pembroke College in Brown University, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1933. While at Brown she was awarded a second entrance premium in Greek in 1929-30. She also received a scholarship from the R. I. Women's League in 1930. After graduating from Pembroke College she became a teacher in Americanization and citizenship. She afterwards enrolled at Rhode Island College of Education, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Education in 1936.

After completion of her studies, Miss Dantone worked as a junior statistician. She began teaching as an unassigned teacher of auditorium dramatics at Bridgham Jr. High School in 1936, and became a teacher of Italian and French of the school in 1938.

Miss Dantone's professional affiliations include Modern Language Teachers Association of New England.

DELMONICO, Marco

Businessman; born in Sulmona, Province of Aquila, Italy, December 12, 1888, the son of Domenico and Angelina Delmonico, both natives of the same town.

This rugged and industrious son of Abruzzi immigrated to the United States as a young man of eighteen, settling in Providence. Upon his arrival in Providence he engaged in various minor business ventures until he became a pioneer in the sale of fuel oil. His business, which includes ice, coal and oil, is carried on under the name of M. Delmonico & Sons.

On September 20, 1914, Mr. Delmonico married Luisa Castaldi, a native of the island of Ischia. They are the parents of eight children; 1. Edmund; 2. Vito; 3. Frank; 4. Angelina; 5. Armando; 6. Ernest; 7. Gloria; 8. Evelyn.

Mr. Delmonico's business address is at 8 Belknap Street, Providence, R. I.

DONATELLI, Henry

Teacher; born in Portland, Maine, May 28, 1914, the son of Frank Rocco and Grazia (Ventura) Donatelli, who were born respectively, at Lettomanopello, and Roccamorice, in the former Province of Chieti, now Province of Pescara, Italy.

Following the removal of his parents to Providence in 1920, he attended the local public schools and Hope High School, from which he graduated in 1932. Subsequently he attended Providence College, completing there a pre-medical course. He afterwards entered Rhode Island College of Education, from which he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Education in 1938. While at R. I. College of Education he was active on the baseball, basketball, golf and track teams.

On his graduation from R. I. College of Education, he was appointed a teacher and athletic director at Lymanville Junior High School.

Selected as a youngster by Tim O'Neil from a group of Junior League managers for a recreational post at a meeting in the Journal Building, young Donatelli rapidly gained popularity among the younger boys. He had been actively connected with the Tim O'Neil Baseball League up until the middle of the summer. He acted as umpire for Melrose League games and also for softball circuits. At his confirmation at St. Ann's Church, young Donatelli requested that Tim O'Neil act as his sponsor. He was always proud of the fact that the "Sandlot King" was his godfather.

In the latter months prior to his illness he was preparing at Providence College to receive his degree of Master of Education.

Mr. Donatelli died in Providence, on October 9, 1939, after an illness of several weeks.

Popular as a teacher and as an athlete, he stood among the foremost in his expert knowledge of all that pertains to youthful sports. Loved by his pupils and friends, his untimely death was a cause of grief to men and women in practically every walk of life. The element of the tragic was greatly accentuated in his death by the fact that he was so potent a factor for good in the community, and by his youth.

**De CESARE, Francis Armand,
M.D.**

Born in Providence, November 15, 1910, the son of Pasquale and Antonietta (Caldarone) DeCesare, both natives of Marzano Appio, in the Province of Naples, Italy.

He went through the Providence public schools. He completed the

Cranston High School in 1928. He thereafter attended Providence College, where he completed his pre-medical course. Continuing his studies there he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1932. He then matriculated in the Medical School of the Royal University of Rome, where he spent one year. He later transferred to the Royal University of Naples, from which he graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine and Surgery in 1936.

After his return to the United States, he served six months internship at Charles V. Chapin Hospital; he then served one year internship at St. John Hospital, Fargo, North Dakota, and rose subsequently to the position of resident physician. At present Dr. DeCesare is connected with maternity hospitals in Chicago, Ill. Dr. DeCesare is a member of the Providence Medical Society.

D'ADAMO, Vincenzo Pasquale

Registered pharmacist; born in Castelforte, Province of Littoria, Italy, December 5, 1893, the son of Raffaele and Carmela (Coviello) D'Adamo, both natives of the same town.

He attended the public schools and gymnasium of his native town. In 1910 he immigrated to the United States, settling in Fall River, Mass., in which city he attended the public evening schools, and thereafter attended East Greenwich Academy, from which he graduated in 1921. Later, he entered the Rhode Island College of Pharmacy from which he graduated with the degree of Ph.G., in 1925. He then entered actively into the drug business, becoming the owner of a very popular pharmacy.

Mr. D'Adamo is a member of Lodge Vittoria, Order Sons of Italy; Saint'Antonio Society; D'Annunzio Society and other organizations.

On September 5, 1927, Mr. D'Adamo married Santina Falso. They became the parents of three children: 1. Carmela; 2. Vincenzo; 3. Roberto.

Mr. D'Adamo's pharmacy is at 614 Charles Street, Providence, R. I.

DEL VECCHIO, Crescenzo

Businessman; born in Roccamonfina, Province of Naples, Italy, August 1, 1886, the son of Pasquale and Angelina (Di Nufio) Del Vecchio, who were born respectively, at Roccamonfina, and Tuoro Di Sessa, Italy.

He attended the public schools of his native town, and at the age of seventeen immigrated to the United States, settling first at Lawrence, Mass., where he was employed in the woolen mills. After three years he went back to Italy. In 1907 he returned to the United States, settling in Providence. Upon arriving here he immediately started a grocery and meat market. After eight years he went into the wholesale meat business and has successfully continued since then.

In 1910 Mr. Del Vecchio married Gaetana Buonanno, a native of Roccamonfina, Italy. They are the parents of seven children: 1. Angelina; 2. Pasquale; 3. Salvatore; 4. Assunta; 5. Caterina; 6. Giuseppina; 7. Maria. Home: 1377 Chalkstone avenue, Providence, R. I.

DEL SIGNORE, Mario

Missionary; born in Sulmona, Province of Aquila, Italy, September 20, 1915. He attended the public schools, the Institute of the Missionaries for Africa and the Gymnasium, at Sulmona; then he attended the Institute Comboni for missionaries for Africa at Brescia; finally he enrolled at the Novice of Sacred Heart at Venegono, wearing there for the first time his priestly vest-

ments; thence he went to the Institute of Missions at Verona.

Brother Mario Del Signore's father, Filippo, immigrated to Rhode Island in 1901, and has visited Italy many times since then. His mother, Maria (Ficorilli) Del Signore, came to Providence in 1910. She died in December, 1939. In addition to his four brothers, Francesco, Giovanni, Giuseppe and Alfredo, Brother Mario Del Signore has one sister, Rosina, deeply interested in religious and educational activities in the Eagle Park district.

Di NAPOLI, Domenico

Architect and public official; born in Roccamonfina, Province of Naples, Italy, December 8, 1903, the son of Antonio and Teresa (D'Attore) Di Napoli, both natives of the same town.

He was brought here as a child by his parents. He attended the Providence public schools and the old English High School and, after taking a two year course in architecture at the R. I. School of Design, he went to New York City. While there he continued in this type of work in the offices of leading architectural firms, in the meantime taking an extension course in architecture at Columbia University. Thereafter he studied for three years at the Beaux Art Institute of Design in New York.

In the fall of 1930 he returned to Providence, where he established an office as an architect at 69 Brayton avenue. In June, 1935, he was appointed to the position of Assistant Inspector of Buildings of the City of Providence. In 1938 he was re-appointed member of the State Planning Board for a term of three years.

Most recent of his many designs, is the new building of the Italo-American Club, East Greenwich, R. I. He also designed the new home of Lodge Ro-

ma, Order Sons of Italy, Pawtucket, R. I., and other buildings scattered throughout Rhode Island.

Mr. Di Napoli is prominently identified with many patriotic, fraternal, civic and social organizations. In 1939 he was elected to the office of Grand Orator of the Order Sons of Italy in Rhode Island. He is a member and orator of Lodge Dante Alighieri, Order Sons of Italy; member of Young Italian Imperial Club, Federal Hill Business Men's Association and Italo-American Club. He is an honorary member of the Italo-American Club of East Greenwich, R. I.

On September 4, 1933, Mr. Di Napoli married Elsie Perrotta. They are the parents of two children: 1. Anthony Robert; 2. Theresa Elvira.

D'AGOSTINO, Nicola

Businessman and one of the early settlers of the Italian colony; born in Marzano Appio, Province of Naples, Italy, July 2, 1866, the son of Paolo and Concetta (De Cesare) D'Agostino, both natives of the same town.

After attending school in his native town, he assisted his father with the latter's business until 1890, at which time he immigrated to the United States, settling in Providence. For a short time he became a wage earner, beginning as a baker. Later he started his own bakery business on Charles street, a venture which he has been successfully operating for more than forty years. At the present time his bakery business is one of the most important concerns of its kind in the neighborhood.

Mr. D'Agostino is a leader among fraternal societies of the North End section. He has been venerable of Lodge Roma, Order Sons of Italy, since 1926. He is also a member of the Italo-American Citizens Club of the North End and 4th Ward Republican Club.

On January 8, 1893, Mr. D'Agostino married Teresa Ferri, a native of Capriati al Volturno, Italy. They are the parents of six children: 1. Mrs. Catherine Genua; 2. Paul, a foreman at Quincy, Mass.; 3. Perry, a machinist; 4. Mrs. Concetta Thomma; 5. Mrs. Rose Lancey; 6. William, in the bakery business.

Mr. D'Agostino's bakery is at 563 Charles street, Providence, R. I.

De PAOLO, Emilio

Registered pharmacist; born in Thornton, city of Cranston, June 29, 1899, the son of Francesco and Maria Domenica (Favicchio) De Paolo, both natives of Capriati al Volturno, Italy. His parents were among the few original settlers of the village of Thornton.

Mr. De Paolo attended the local public schools. Later he entered the Rhode Island College of Pharmacy, from which he graduated with the degree of Ph. G. in 1922. Following his graduation, he held responsible positions with Liggett's No. 1 Drug Store, Bristol Pharmacy and other drug stores in Cranston and Providence. In 1935 he was made manager and registered pharmacist of George's Pharmacy, at 188 Atwells avenue, and has served in that capacity since then. George's Pharmacy is one of the oldest drug stores in the Atwells avenue district. Business address: 188 Atwells avenue, Providence, R. I.

De SALVIO, Alfonso

College professor; born at Orsara di Puglia, Province of Foggia, Italy, July 13, 1873. In 1928 he was appointed Professor of the Italian language and literature at Brown University. Professor de Salvio came to Brown University from Northwestern University where he held an Assistant Professorship of Romance languages. He died in the Mem-

orial Hospital, North Conway, N. H., on July 14, 1938, the day after his 65th birthday and a week after he had collapsed with a heart attack while playing golf with friends of the Aurora Club of Providence in Jackson, N. H. He was a distinguished and able member of the Brown University faculty. During his connection with the University, Professor de Salvio won for himself the admiration and esteem of his students and friends.

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Di MUCCIO, John

Of North Providence, diplomat; born in Valle Agricola, Province of Benevento, Italy, the son of Antonio and Filomena (Di Muccio) Di Muccio. In 1901, when one year old, he was brought to Rhode Island by his mother to join his father in North Providence. Following his graduation from Brown University in 1921, he received an appointment to serve at the State Department, in Washington, D. C. Thereafter he served in the U. S. Consular Service at Hamburg, Hong Kong, Yunnanfu, Foochow, Shanghai; La Paz, in Bolivia. On June 20, 1939, he was promoted to first secretary of the American Embassy, at Panama City, Republic of Panama.

Felix Di Muccio, Joseph Di Muccio, Pasquale Di Muccio, Marco Di Muccio and Mrs. Elizabeth Zambarano, all of Lymanville, North Providence, are brothers and sister of Mr. Di Muccio.

DEL BENE, Charles

Manufacturer, founder and sole owner of the Silverloid Company; born in Pesaro, Province of Pesaro, Italy, January 17, 1896, the son of Luigi and Maria (Mancini) Del Bene.

He attended the public schools and the Catholic seminary of his native town. At the age of fourteen his father brought him to France. Following his return to Italy, at the age of fifteen in company with his older brother, Giovanni, immigrated to the United States, settling in Providence. Upon arriving here he learned the trade of working on celluloid novelties. He won rapid advancement, and in a few years he became general foreman of Elklod Company, working there from 1915 to 1927, when he started his own factory. He specializes in the manufacture of dices and dominoes, and they are shipped to all parts of the world. His factory employing at present 30 employees.

A successful and popular business man, he is a director of the Silver Lake Loan Company. He is an honorary member of "Laziale Society." He is Vice President of Unitas Catholic Club, and member of Society Madonna del Carmine, Circolo Filodrammatico and other organizations.

On August 29, 1920, Mr. Del Bene married Lina Ruizzo, a native of Teano, Italy. They are the parents of two children: 1. Louis; 2. Maria.

The office of the Silverloid Company, of which Mr. Del Bene is the founder and sole owner, is at 283 Thurbers avenue, Providence, R. I.

De VELLIS, Thomas S.

Insurance assistant manager; born in Somerville, Mass., March 7, 1910, the son of Angelo and Maria Grazia (Vecchione) De Vellis, who were born respectively, at Gaeta, and at Avellino, Italy.

He attended the public schools of Somerville; Rindge Technical School in Cambridge, graduating in 1924; Cambridge Latin School, graduating in 1926; attended the School of Law of Northeastern University.

Upon completing his education he entered as agent the service of the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company. His success in insurance and wide understanding of men and conditions were soon recognized. After only five and a half months spent as an agent in Boston, in July, 1933, he was promoted to assistant manager at Providence. Since his arrival in Providence, his staff leads all others in New England in the amount of business written for the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company.

He is a member of the Elks and of the Providence Y. M. C. A.

On October 12, 1939, Mr. De Vellis married Assunta Cerbo, a native of Providence.

Mr. De Vellis's office is at 10 Weybosset street, Providence, R. I.

Di LEONE, Ralph, M.D.

Born in Roccamonfina, Province of Naples, Italy, December 13, 1894, the son of Francesco and Michelina Di Leone.

He was brought to the United States by his parents in 1900.

He received his education in the Providence public schools and graduated from Classical High School in 1913. Thereafter, he entered Brown University and graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1917. He obtained his medical education and degree from Harvard Medical School and served his internship at the Rhode Island Hospital, Charles V. Chapin Hospital and Providence Lying-In Hospital.

He began active practice in 1925. Dr. Di Leone is First Assistant Surgeon in the Gynecological department and First Assistant Surgeon in the Division of Gynecological Research at R. I. Hospital. First Assistant Surgeon, Gynecological Department, Charles V. Chapin Hospital and Second Assistant

Visiting Obstetrician at Providence Lying-In Hospital.

Dr. Di Leone is an officer, U. S. Medical Reserve. Charter member, Malpighi Medical Club. Director, Federal Hill House, 1930-38. Director, Providence Community Fund, 1934-37. Member: American Medical Association; New England Obstetrical Society; R. I. Medical Society; Providence Medical Society; Aurora and Italo-American Clubs and the Brown Club of Providence.

On July 10, 1924, Dr. Ralph Di Leone married Constance Giusti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincenzo Giusti. They are the parents of three children: 1. Zelia Clotilde; 2. Roland Ralph; 3. Gilbert Robert. Address: 221 Broadway, Providence, R. I. (From the 1936 Edition).

De CONTI, Angelo, D.D.S.

Born in Marzano Appio, Province of Naples, Italy, the son of Agostino and Francesca (Cipolla) De Conti.

After going through various fields of activity, young De Conti being an industrious and ambitious young man, in 1907 entered the Dental School of the University of Maryland, graduating in 1910 with the degree of D.D.S., the first Italo-American to be registered to practice dentistry in Rhode Island. Dr. De Conti has been engaged in the practice of dentistry in Providence since 1910.

Dr. De Conti is a member of the American Dental Society; R. I. Dental Society; the Elks; Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan; Aurora Club and Italo-American Club.

On February 2, 1913, Dr. De Conti married Santina Maria Gammino. They are the parents of two children: 1. Clinton, a graduate with the degree of D. M. D., from Harvard Dental School; 2. Merlin, a student at Boston University Law School. Office: 112 Mathewson street, Providence, R. I.

De CIANTIS, Michael

Lawyer; born in Sora, Province of Frosinone, Italy, August 15, 1900, the son of Luigi and Sofia De Ciantis. When a lad of about nine years, he was brought to these shores by his mother, to join his father in Natick.

He attended the West Warwick public schools and High School, and Boston University Law School. He completed his studies with the law firm of Quinn, Kernan & Quinn.

Mr. De Ciantis entered upon the practice of law immediately after he was admitted to the bar in Rhode Island.

His first official appointment was Judge of the Probate Court of West Warwick. In 1932 he was appointed fourth Assistant Attorney General. In 1934 he was promoted to third Assistant Attorney General, serving until July 7, 1937, at which time he became Chief of the Division of Public Utilities, State of Rhode Island. He held this office until the advent of the new administration. While holding the office of Chief of the Division of Public Utilities, he ordered the discontinuance of the sur-charges on hand telephones. Through his instrumentality the gas companies of the State returned to the public the deposits which they made in the amount of approximately \$125,000. He compelled the reduction of electric light rates and bus fares. He did well. Fellow attorneys consider him an able and faithful public servant.

Mr. De Ciantis is President of Barristers Club and former District Deputy of Knights of Columbus. He is also a member of Regina Margherita Lodge of the Order Sons of Italy.

On September 15, 1930, Mr. De Ciantis married Dorothy Glenn. They are the parents of one child: Ann. Office: 1911 New Industrial Trust Building, Providence, R. I.

D'ERRICO, Carmine

Real estate; born in Roccamonfina, Province of Naples, Italy, September 25, 1890, the son of Tommaso and Antonetta (Iannuccilli) D'Errico.

He attended the public schools of his native town, and as a youth of twelve came to the United States, settling in Providence. His first employ-



CARMINE D'ERRICO

ment here was as a tailor, devoting his evenings to the study of the English language in the night schools. Later, when he acquired enough knowledge to seek his fortunes in the world of business, he became interested in the real estate business, which has occupied his attention since 1907. His rise was rapid. He is considered one of the leading real estate operators among Italo-Americans.

Mr. D'Errico is well known in religious, social and civic affairs of the Federal Hill section.

On December 21, 1925, Mr. D'Errico married Aquilina Melucci, a native of Roccamonfina, Italy. Home: 445 Broadway, Providence, R. I.

De CESARE, Arthur F.

Civil engineer; born in Providence, July 16, 1916, the son of Rodosindo and Rachele (Cinquegrana) De Cesare, who were born respectively, at Marzano Appio, and Conca Campania, Province of Naples, Italy.

He attended the local public schools; Hope High School, 1934; Rhode Island State College, B. Sc., 1938. After completing his education he was appointed civil engineer in the sewer department of the City of Providence. Later, he was transferred to the Scituate Reservoir Division of the City of Providence.

Mr. De Cesare's fraternal, professional and social affiliations include the Beta Psi Alpha, the Italian fraternity of R. I. State College; American Society of Civil Engineering; Providence Engineering Society; Lodge Vittoria of Order Sons of Italy.

Di MASCOLO, Henry R.

State Senator; born in Providence, Rhode Island, August 2, 1910, the son of Gaetano and Maria Civita (Cardi) DiMascolo, both members of respectable families, from the town of Itri, in the Province of Rome, Italy. His parents immigrated to the United States in 1905, settling in the Silver Lake section of Providence, where they have been residing ever since.

He received his education in St. Anthony's Parochial School and La Salle Academy. Thereafter he spent three years at Providence College. He then took up the study of Law at Georgetown University School of Law and later at Boston University School of Law, from which he graduated with the degree of L.L.B. in 1935.

He was admitted to the Rhode Island Bar on May 19, 1937, and immediately opened his office for the practice of Law. His first participation

in public life was in 1938, when he became elected Senator for Providence, from the Second Senatorial District. He is the first Republican to be elected from the Second Senatorial District and the first person of Italian extraction to be elected State Senator by either party from his district.

Although Senator DiMascolo is the youngest member of the present Senate, his record and tactful use of his office won the complete confidence of his colleagues and the satisfaction of his constituents as well.

He has been a life-long resident of the Silver Lake section of Providence and has always maintained an active interest in religious, civic and political affairs. He was a charter member and the first President of the Silver Lake Republican Club.

On September 25, 1937, Senator DiMascolo married Mary DiPetrillo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carmine DiPetrillo of Providence. Office: 505 Turks Head Building, Providence, Rhode Island.

De PASQUALE, Emilio

Registered pharmacist; born in Providence, July 9, 1892, the son of Pietro and Teodolinda De Pasquale, natives of San Marco La Catola, Province of Foggia, Italy.

He received his education in the local public schools and later attended the R. I. College of Pharmacy, graduating with the degree of Ph.G. in 1913. After completing his studies, he held responsible positions with many leading drugstores. In 1928, he went into business for himself on Broadway, under the name of Professional Pharmacy. He is the owner of one of the best equipped drug stores, where he serves his customers faithfully and well, selling the best in the pharmaceutical field.

Mr. De Pasquale is one of the most successful among younger pharmacists of Providence, a most generous man and deeply devoted to his profession. Along with his work in the professional field, he devotes much of his time in civic, social and fraternal affairs.

On June 29, 1929, he married Kathleen Johnston, deceased. He is the father of one child: John Peter.

Mr. De Pasquale's Professional Pharmacy is at 267 Broadway, Providence, R. I.

Del ROSSI, Gaetano D.

Macaroni manufacturer and President of the G. D. Del Rossi Co., Inc., born in Monteroduni, Province of Campobasso, Italy. Like his father, the late Gabriele Del Rossi, and his grandfather, Giuseppe Del Rossi, Mr. Del



G. D. DEL ROSSI

Rossi has been actively identified since his early manhood with the macaroni industry.

The plant of G. Del Rossi Co., is virtually the American outgrowth of the macaroni industry created by the

Del Rossi family in their native town. The Del Rossis for generations have been engaged in the macaroni industry in the picturesque village of Monteroduno, Italy.

The American history of the G. D. Del Rossi macaroni factory started in Providence in June, 1910, and was incorporated in April, 1917. It is the oldest macaroni factory in New England, and its products are shipped to all parts of the United States.

Gaetano D. Del Rossi has devoted all his life in the upbuilding of the industry. His father and grand-father had their factory in their native town, where the Del Rossi macaroni industry originated in 1844. This corporation being composed of members of one family, with nearly a century of unbroken history, assures the best satisfaction to its increasing clientele and is ever watchful to see that the high reputation that it has enjoyed for years as one of the leading macaroni manufacturers in the community be maintained.

The steady growth of the business necessitated enlarging the housing capacity of the plant, which together with its up-to-date scientifically made machinery gives the G. D. Del Rossi Company one of the finest appointed, and best equipped macaroni factories in New England.

Mr. Del Rossi is known for his quiet philanthropies, his unfailing friendship and his splendid qualities as a citizen.

Mr. Del Rossi's office is at 240 India street, Providence, R. I.

De PASQUALE, Luigi

Associate Justice of the Sixth Judicial District Court; born in Providence, December 13, 1892, the son of Antonio and the late Maria (Vitale) De Pasquale, who were born, respectively,

at San Marco La Catola, Province of Foggia, Italy, and at Santa Croce Del Sannio, Province of Benevento, Italy.

Following his primary and high school education in Milford, Massachusetts, to which town his parents moved when he was 3 years of age, he attended the Boston University Law School, from which he graduated in 1913. He was only 21 when he passed the Massachusetts bar examination, and for a year he practiced in Milford. A year later he moved to Providence. He successfully passed the Rhode Island bar examination and soon became active in professional and civic affairs. When 23 years of age, he was elected to the House of Representatives and was re-elected serving two terms; from 1920 to 1922 was Treasurer of the Democratic State Central Committee; from 1922 to 1924 was Assistant Attorney General of the State of Rhode Island; from 1924 to 1928 was Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee; was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco, in 1920; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in New York in 1924; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Houston, Texas, in 1928; was elected to the Senate of Rhode Island in November, 1934; appointed Associate Justice of the 6th Judicial District Court of the State of Rhode Island on June 21, 1935.

He is a director of Federal Hill House and member of many organizations.

Judge De Pasquale is married to Marie Michard. They are the parents of three children: 1. Marie; 2. Beatrice; 3. Eva Marcelle. Home: 232 Broadway. Office: Union Trust Building, Providence, R. I.

De SIMONE, Thomas D.

Lawyer; born in Worcester, Mass., on August 17, 1901, the son of Salvatore and Francesca (Bianchi) De Simone. His parents removed to Providence in 1903. He received his education in the local public schools, and continued on to college, preparing at Brown University, 1919-1923, and obtaining his Law Degree at Boston University Law School in 1926. Mr. De Simone was admitted to the Rhode Island Bar on December 23, 1927, after successfully passing the bar examination, and immediately engaged in the general practice of law.

For many years he served as a member of the staff in the Division of Corporations and Inheritance Taxes of the State of Rhode Island.

On August 1, 1939, Mr. De Simone resumed his practice of law, at the same time specializing in general tax service.

Mr. De Simone is a member of of many clubs and organizations, among them being the Italo-American Club, and the Kappa Epsilon Phi Legal fraternity, of which he is a founder and charter member.

In 1931 he married Emily R. Palumbo. They are the parents of two children: 1. Thomas Edwin; 2. Claudia. Office: 49 Westminster street, Providence, R. I.

De ANGELIS, Raffaele

Registered pharmacist and proprietor of Chemical Industrial Company; born in Teano, Italy, in 1878. He attended the public schools of his native town, and at the early age of eight began to work in a pharmacy. His natural intelligence and determination to follow the pharmaceutical profession led him to spend his time in some of the leading pharmacies of Southern Italy, and finally perfected his knowledge at the fam-

ous pharmacy of Piazza Fiorentini, in Naples, where he won the regard of his masters and instructors.

In 1904, Mr. De Angelis immigrated to these shores, settling in Providence. His only asset was his ambition to work and to make a future for himself. Upon his arrival here, he at once engaged in manufacturing citrate of magnesia, a superior product which still bears his name as a trade-mark. At first he started in a very small way, but as he gained the confidence of his clientele, his business grew rapidly, resulting in the expansion of his enterprise and the erection of his own building at 139 Knight street, where both his pharmaceutical laboratory and pharmacy are housed. While working and advancing his large industry, he also studied the English language, and later passed the required examination which enabled him to become a registered pharmacist.

Mr. De Angelis is the owner of a unique pharmacy, established along Italian style, where only pharmaceutical products of the highest order are sold. Six registered pharmacists are regularly employed there: Raffaele De Angelis, William D'Andrea, Charles Pistocco, Victor Canapi, Philip Mucci and Anthony Iodice, all men of wide experience and ability who have served their customers faithfully and well.

Along with his work in the professional and business world, Mr. and Mrs. De Angelis are keenly interested in all phases of Italo-American life and their contribution to its civic, social and religious affairs have been outstanding. Business address: 139 Knight street, Providence, R. I.

Di SAIA, Oresto

Architect; born in Providence, January 22, 1900, the son of Costanzo Di Saia and Carmela (De Paola) Di

Saia, who were born respectively, at Frosolone, and Riccia, Italy.

He received his preliminary education at the Federal street Grammar School, from which he graduated in 1913, and later attended the Technical High School in the day time and the old English High School in the evenings, graduating from both in 1917. By this time he had chosen the architectural profession as his field of service but as circumstances prevented him from attending college, he obtained employment in the office of F. P. Sheldon & Sons, engineers and architects. Private tutoring and diligent self-application to study, gave him a position beside many who won college honors, and at the same time gave Mr. Di Saia the foundation of his profession knowledge, which proved invaluable to him in his later career. His employment with F. P. Sheldon & Sons was interrupted for a short period through his connection with the Construction Division, War Department, Washington, D. C.

Rising steadily in his reputation as an architect, in 1924 he entered private practice in his own right. His designing of the Uptown Theatre, was his first major project. Among the notable buildings and important projects designed and improved by Mr. Di Saia are the Hollywood Theatre at East Providence; the Metropolitan Theatre at Providence; the Holy Ghost Rectory at Providence; Eldorado Apartment at Providence; the Sheraton Manor at Providence; the President's residence, R. I. State College, Kingston; Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity house, Kingston; the Irons Block modernization, Olneyville; the Warren Hotel, Warren, R. I.; Providence College Dormitory, at Providence College; the Hanger at Governor Green Airport, at Hillsgrove; the new Johnston Town Hall, at Johnston, R. I.; the Marconi Memorial, in course of construction; two large ward buildings for women patients at the

State Hospital for Mental Diseases, Howard, R. I., and numerous other buildings and projects. He also represented the United States Government in the construction of the new City Hall of Pawtucket, over which he had supervision.

An outstanding Italo-American, Oresto Di Saia, has achieved a distinguished place among the architects of the city. Throughout his career he has demonstrated the possession of versatile talents, and his rise to prominence has been thoroughly well merited by his own efforts and proved ability.

Mr. Di Saia was elected in 1931 to the American Institute of Architects, from which he retired in 1933. He was awarded the grand prize and gold medal for architectural works at the Bologna Exposition in 1932. He is a member of the State Board of Examination and Registration of Architects.

His fraternal affiliations include the Tyler Council, Knights of Columbus; Bishop Hendricken Assembly, Fourth Degree K. of C.; Italo-American Club of Rhode Island; Frosolonese Club; trustee of Holy Ghost Church.

Mr. Di Saia is married to Eleanor Rossi. They are the parents of four children: 1. Ethel; 2. Kenneth; 3. Ruth; 4. Robert. Home: 369 Mount Pleasant avenue. Office: 40 Fountain street, Providence, R. I.

Di LIBERO, John

Lawyer; born in Santa Apollinari, Province of Frosinone, Italy, November 8, 1901, the son of Raffaele and Maria Grazia Di Libero. He was brought to this country by his parents when five years of age. He received his education in the Providence public schools and at Technical High School. He then took up the study of law at Boston University Law School, from which he graduated with the degree

of LL.B. in 1925. He was admitted to the bar on November 6, 1925, and immediately afterwards he engaged in the active practice of law.

Deeply interested in civic affairs and local politics, his effective campaign work brought him rapidly to the fore and in 1933 when Mrs. Isabele Ahearn O'Neil resigned as State Senator, he was nominated by the Democrats to succeed her. Taking his seat in 1934 in the Senate, he became the first member of his race ever to hold a seat in the State Senate, proving himself an able and conscientious legislator. On December, 10, 1935, Mr. Di Libero was appointed Fourth Assistant City Solicitor, serving until 1939, and again proved himself most capable in the discharge of these exceedingly responsible duties.

In addition to his many professional activities, Mr. Di Libero is also very conspicuous in the social and club life of the Italo-American community. He is a member of the R. I. Bar Association, Italo-American Club and other organizations. Office: 277 Atwells avenue, Providence, R. I.

De PARI, Domenico

Retired business man; born in Teano in 1875, the son of Pariglio and Brigida De Pari. He attended the public schools of his native town, but at an early age became a farmer boy for his father, and continued this work until he was twenty years old when he immigrated to the United States, settling in Providence.

Upon arriving here, he worked on anything he could find in order to make an honest living. Being a man of very thrifty habits, which were stimulated and encouraged by a desire on his part to be engaged in business on his own account, he invested his savings in starting a grocery store on Swiss street. After

conducting this business for some years, he opened a hardware store at 283-285 Atwells avenue, corner Crout street, which he followed for twenty-five years, when he finally retired in 1937.

On August 1, 1897, Mr. De Pari married Concetta Mignaniello, also a native of Teano, Italy. They are the parents of two children: 1. Mrs. Giuseppina De Pari Castellone; 2. Pariglio De Pari, an insurance underwriter.

Mr. De Pari is a member of Holy Name Society of Holy Ghost Church. Mrs. De Pari is a member of Society Madonna Della Libera and Society Immacolata Concezione. Home: 283 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence, R. I.

De LEO, Ralph

General contractor and builder; born in Bristol, R. I., February 11, 1915, the son of Antonio and Colomba (Riccardi) De Leo, both natives of Manfredonia, Province of Foggia, Italy.

After attending the public schools and Colt High School of Bristol, he enrolled at the Rhode Island School of Design, where he studied architectural designing and draftsmanship, graduating in 1939. He is successfully engaged in the contracting and building business. Many fine homes in Bristol and vicinity have been constructed and erected by him. He is a promising young Italo-American, genial and generous with a host of friends.

Mr. De Leo is a member of Holy Name Society.

On October 29, 1938, Mr. De Leo married Lucy Forillo, a native of Cambridge, Mass. Office: 629 Wood street, Bristol, R. I.

Di LEONE, Irma Giusti

Civic worker and well-known in Italo-American women's circles; born in

Providence, the daughter of Vincenzo and Clotilde Lenci Giusti, both natives of Lucca, Italy.

She received her education in the Providence public schools, in which city she has always made her home.

For many years she was active in Italo-American women's circles. Meanwhile her interest in fraternal and social spheres brought her prominently to the public's attention. Mrs. Di Leone served first as vice-president of the Rhode Island Council of Italian Women in 1936-37, and later served as its president in 1937-38. She is also a member of Lodge Gloria of the Order Sons of Italy, where she served as treasurer in 1938-39. In addition to these, Mrs. Di Leone has been equally active in promoting Americanization and welfare work.

On November 15, 1910, she married John Di Leone, a native of Roccamonfina, Province of Naples, Italy. Mr. Di Leone, who also plays violin, is a well-known business man. Mr. and Mrs. Di Leone are the parents of three children: 1. Anna, a pianist; 2. Eunice; 3. Irma C., a student at the College of Music, Cleveland, Ohio. Home: 231 Messer street, Providence, R. I.

De MAGISTRIS, Enis Eva

Teacher; born in Providence, the daughter of Giacinto and Anna (Corvese) De Magistris.

Following her education in the Providence public schools and at Classical High School, from which she graduated in 1927, she entered Pembroke College in Brown University, from which she graduated in 1931 with the degree of A. B. While at Pembroke she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi societies. Immediately following her graduation from Pembroke she continued her studies at Brown University, receiving the degree of M. A. in 1934.

Miss De Magistris began teaching as a student teacher in 1931 and received an appointment as permanent teacher in 1934. She is listed as a teacher of mathematics, at Classical High School. (From the 1936 Edition.)

De ORCHIS, Vincenzo

See Page 144, Second Edition, *Italo-Americans of Rhode Island*, 1936.

D'ERRICO, John F.

Broker and steamship agent, and prominent in Italo-American business, civic, cultural and social affairs.

See also Page 61, Second Edition, *Italo-Americans of Rhode Island*, 1936. Address: 119 Atwells avenue, Providence, R. I.

DOLCE, Domenico

Proprietor of Dolce's Restaurant, veteran of the World War and prominent in the business circles of East Providence; born in Isoletta, Province of Frosinone, Italy, August 22, 1892, the son of Angelo and Rachele Federici Dolce, who were born respectively at Isoletta and San Giovanni Incarico, Italy.

He attended the public schools of his native town and at the age of twelve he was put to work at his father's farm. At the age of fourteen he immigrated to the United States, settling in Providence. Upon his arrival here, he worked in a number of industrial establishments and went back to Italy in 1907. He returned to Providence in 1910, learned to cook in leading hotels and attended the evening public schools where he prepared himself for citizenship and a business career. He went back to Italy in 1915, where he enlisted in

the Royal Italian Army, assigned to the 14th Regiment of Bersaglieri, under General Pecori Giraldi, of the First Army Corps. He participated in many actions along the front line, and received an encomium for bravery. He was honorably discharged in September, 1919. He then returned to Providence.

Mr. Dolce opened his first restaurant in 1920 on Aborn Street. But his real fame as a restaurateur came in 1926 when he opened the famous Dolce Restaurant on Taunton Avenue and Six Corners, at East Providence. It is a restaurant of distinction, serving excellent food to its clients. East Providence likes Dolce's Restaurant. It is patronized by its leading citizens and is known as one of the best in Rhode Island.

Mr. Dolce is a member of the East Providence Business Men's Association, Knights of Columbus, Lodge Luce Moderna of Sons of Italy, Federazione Patria e Lavoro.

On July 20, 1924, Mr. Dolce married in Providence, Bianca Campatelli, a native of San Giuliano Terme, Province of Pisa, Italy. They are the parents of two children: 1. Lydia; 2. Rita. Home: 189 Waterman Avenue. Business Address: 287 Taunton Avenue, Six Corners, East Providence, R. I.

FEOLE, Eugenio

Music teacher; born in Roccamonfina, Province of Naples, Italy, April 7, 1891, the son of Giovanni and Antonia (Coletti) Feole.

Following his elementary education, he immigrated to the United States in 1906. After a few years he went back to Italy to complete his education. He first attended a preparatory school and later entered the Musical Conservatory San Pietro a Maiella, in Naples, where he specialized in band instru-

mentation and composition, graduating in 1922.

In 1938 he returned to Providence where he is taking a leading part in Italo-American musical activities. Maestro Feole is the author of many classical compositions for band. In 1925 he married Lucia De Luca.

FIOCCA, Gaspare A.

Businessman and civic worker; born in Carovilli, Province of Campobasso, Italy, May 26, 1897, the son of Aurelio and Carolina (Fiocca) Fiocca. His father who immigrated to Oklahoma in 1884, was one of the first Italian immigrants to work in that State, then known as Indian Territory.

When he was two years old, his parents settled in Denver, Colorado, in which city he received his early education in the public schools. At an early age he began his apprenticeship at the machinest trade. In 1915 he left Denver for Akron, Ohio, where he continued to work at his trade. He then joined the navy, where he served until 1922 as aviation mechanic. Returning to civilian life in Akron, he was engaged as salesman until he moved to Providence. In 1927 he established in Providence his tile business, a venture in which he has been entirely successful.

A man of broad culture, he is an earnest and hard worker, and the possessor of an intimate knowledge of human nature.

He is a member of the Republican City Committee, and takes an active interest in civic and social affairs.

On June 12, 1926, Mr. Fiocca married Ismalia Amicarelli, a native of Agnone, Italy. Mrs. Fiocca, president of Circolo Convivio, is widely known for her leadership in Italy-American women's cultural and patriotic organizations.

Mr. and Mrs. Fiocca are the parents

of two children: 1. Ralph; 2. Antonio. Home: 431 Mt. Pleasant avenue, Providence, R. I.

FUSCELLARO, Giacinto G.

Manufacturer of oil burners; born in Colli al Volturno, Province of Campobasso, Italy, October 18, 1883, the son of Fiorangelo and Palma Rosa (Di Iorio) Fuscellaro.

He attended the public schools of his native town. Later, he attended private school and at the same time learned the carpenter trade.

At the age of 16 he immigrated to the United States, settling in Providence. Upon arriving in Providence he worked as a carpenter and followed it until 1921, at which time he went into business for himself as a general contractor and builder.

In 1932 he invented the Acme Oil Burner, a superior type of oil burner which he had patented in 1934. The Acme Tool & Gage Company was established in Providence, to manufacture Acme Oil Burners for steam, hot water, hot air and air conditioning. It is an automatic, clean, modern and economical device, suitable for any type of building.

Under Mr. Fuscellaro's direction the Acme Tool & Gauge Company has grown to be one of the largest plants of its kind in the State. Through his creative efforts Acme oil burners are now distributed throughout the United States and parts of Europe.

Active in the civic, social and fraternal affairs of the North End section, he is a member of the Italo-American Citizens Club.

On October 22, 1905, Mr. Fuscellaro married Maria Rossi. They became the parents of four children: 1. Fiorangelo; 2. Mrs. Palma Rosa Rotondi; 3. Mrs. Adelina Famiglietti; 4. Antonietta.

Mr. Fuscellaro is sole owner of the

Acme Tool & Gauge Company, and his office is at 235-237 Charles street, Providence, R. I. Mr. and Mrs. Fuscellaro maintain their home at 120 Langdon street, Providence, R. I.

FERRI, Vincent J.

Registered pharmacist; born in Capriati al Volturno, Province of Campobasso, Italy, August 27, 1887, the son of Giovanni and Marzia (Bucci) Ferri. His father immigrated to Rhode Island in 1885. When three months old he was brought to the United States by his mother to join his father in Providence.

He attended the public schools of Johnston and Rhode Island College of Pharmacy, from which he graduated with the degree of Ph.G. in 1910. He passed the examination of the R. I. Board of Pharmacy in 1910. For many years he conducted a pharmacy at the corner of Atwells avenue and Knight street. For the past eight years he has been the owner of a flourishing pharmacy in the busiest section of Broad street.

On January 12, 1911, Mr. Ferri married Benedetta Bartolomeo, a native of Johnston. They became the parents of five children: 1. Martha; 2. Vincent; 3. Etta; 4. Anthony; 5. Raymond.

Mr. Ferri's pharmacy is at 279 Broad street, Providence, R. I.

FERRARA, Herman D.

Lawyer and public official; born in Providence, July 28, 1910, the son of Pasquale and Rose (Lepera) Ferrara, both natives of Aciri, Province of Cosenza, Italy.

He attended the Providence public schools and Technical High School, from which he graduated in 1928;

following two years spent at Providence College, he entered Georgetown University Law School, from which he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Law in 1933.

He was admitted to the Rhode Island bar in March, 1934, and entered immediately in the active practice of law in Providence.

A staunch supporter of the Democratic Party, in 1936 he was elected Representative from the 14th District, and was re-elected in 1938. He is very active in the discharge of his duties, serving on the important judiciary committee and on the Commission of Interstate Cooperation.

He is a member of Sigma Nu Phi, the national legal fraternity.

Mr. Ferrara's office is at 305 Turks Head Building, Providence, R. I.

FRATANTUONO, Joseph

Registered pharmacist; born in Marsicovetere, Province of Potenza, Italy, December 8, 1884, the son of Frank Domenico and Anna Rosa (Morena) Fratantuono. Educated in the Providence public schools, Evening High School and at Rhode Island College of Pharmacy, Ph.G., 1903. He continued his studies taking a post graduate course and received the degree of Phar. D., in 1905. Formerly: in charge of pharmaceutical laboratory at Blanding & Blanding. Instructor of Chemistry at R. I. College of Pharmacy, 1912-13. Since 1908 owner of Fratantuono's Pharmacy.

Married Maria Domenica Di Sarro, 1909. Children: 1. Francesco Domenico, a physician; 2. Mary, a pharmacist; 3. Anna Rose, a graduate nurse and instructor at R. I. Hospital; 4. Joseph, a student at R. I. State College; 5. Peter, a student; 6. Anthony Caesar, a student. Address: 106 Knight street, Providence, R. I.

FORTINI, Bernardina Angelina

Pianist and teacher of piano forte; born in Thornton, City of Cranston, R. I., January 30, 1919, the daughter of Carlo and Angelina (Carlino) Fortini, who were born respectively at Prata Sannita, and Mondragone, Italy. The Fortinis immigrated to Rhode Island some fifty years ago, settling in Thornton. A street in the village of Thornton, called Fortini street, is named after the Fortini family.

She attended the public schools at Meshanticut Park and Cranston High School, graduating in 1937. While at the Cranston High School she received many honor certificates: a certificate for complete theory of Gregg shorthand; a certificate as competent typist; a certificate on the progress of typewriting; a certificate on Gregg Transcription Test.

At the age of ten she began the study of music under Maestro Mazzucchelli. Later she studied under Maestro D'Alessio and Beatrice Ward. In 1937 she enrolled at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, where she completed her musical education specializing in piano and in the technique of teaching.

A promising and popular young pianist, Miss Fortini is a member of Convivio Club, a founder and member of Mozart Club.

Miss Fortini's piano studio is at 128 Hillwood street, Cranston, R. I.

FERRARA, Bernard F., M.D.

Born in Providence, April 16, 1908, the son of Scipione and Angelina (Baccari) Ferrara. His father, an outstanding jewelry craftsman and popular actor, was a native of Palena, Province of Chieti, Italy, who came to Providence in 1900, and died in 1927.

Dr. Ferrara received his education in the local public schools and Tech-

nical High School, from which he graduated in 1926. He thereafter attended Providence College, completed there his pre-medical course, and graduated with the degree of B.Ph. in 1930. Immediately afterwards he matriculated at St. Louis University School of Medicine, from which he graduated with the degree of M.D., in 1934. Following the completion of his internship at St. Mary Group of Hospitals, St. Louis, Mo., he returned to Providence and passed the required State Board medical examination in October, 1935. Later he became 1st Lieutenant in the Medical Reserve under the War Department, assigned to the 7th Corps Area, serving there until December 1, 1939. Following his return to Providence, he entered the active practice of medicine on December 26, 1939.

Dr. Ferrara is a member of the Providence Medical Society and Malpighi Medical Club.

On December 9, 1936, Dr. Ferrara married Ann Thorpe, a native of Providence. They are the parents of one child: Joanne. Office: 211 Webster avenue, Providence, R. I.

FEMINO, Richard D., M.D.

Born in Providence, April 10, 1905, the son of Antonio and Grazia (Femino) Femino, both natives of Salice, Province of Messina, Italy.

He attended the local public schools and Technical High School, from which he graduated in 1926. He then spent one year at Brown University. Having a bent, too, for music, from Brown he joined an orchestra and for two years travelled throughout Europe and South America. Returning to Providence, he resumed his studies at Brown and graduated with the degree of Ph.B. in 1932. He thereafter entered Tufts Medical College, from which he graduated with the degree of M. D. in

1937. Following his graduation from medical school, he served internship at Cambridge City Hospital, Cambridge, Mass.

Dr. Femino is a diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners.

His professional, social and fraternal affiliations include Providence Medical Society, Malpighi Medical Club, Lambda Phi Mu, the Italian medical fraternity. Office: 666 Douglas avenue, Providence, R. I.

FORTUNATO, Stephen J., M.D.

Born in Wilmington, Del., November 16, 1912, the son of Agostino Fortunato, a native of Salerno, Italy, and Victoria (Fidanza) Fortunato, American born.

Following his primary education at St. Paul Parochial School, he attended the Wilmington High School, graduating in 1930. He then entered the University of Virginia, receiving his degree of B. S. in 1933, and the degree of M. D. in June, 1937. He spent his internship at St. Joseph's Hospital, Providence, R. I.

Dr. Fortunato is associated with the staffs of St. Joseph's Hospital and Homeopathic Hospital.

Dr. Fortunato's fraternal and professional affiliations include Providence Lodge of Elks; Alpha Kappa Kappa, medical fraternity; Providence Medical Association. Office: 275 Webster avenue, Providence, R. I.

FRANSOSI, Salvatore John

Pianist, teacher and composer; born in Providence, November 9, 1911, the son of Anthony and Anna (Oddi) Fransosi, both natives of Italy.

He attended the local public schools and Holy Ghost Parochial School,

from which he graduated in 1926. He then attended for three and a half years the Commercial High School.

At the age of ten he began his musical education under Maestro Arturo Mariano, where he studied for seven years. Continuing his studies, he specialized in piano and composition under Alexander Rihm, for one year; under Felix Fox of Boston and New York, for two years; under Professor Hitchcock of Brown University; at present he is perfecting his education under Julius Chaloff of Boston. When only fourteen he appeared in a radio recital at WJAR. In 1934 he was engaged to appear in a television broadcast at WJAR. In addition to his many appearances as a soloist and accompanist in many recitals, he has also played for many famous singers of both radio and screen.

Maestro Fransosi is a member of the American Federation of Musicians.

On November 9, 1936, Maestro Fransosi married Evelyn Sarro, a native of Pontecorvo, Italy. They are the parents of two children: 1. Annice; 2. Joyce. Studio: 44 Washington street, Providence, R. I.

FIDANZA, Antonio G., M.D.

An Italo-American, native of Wilmington, Del., who has risen to a position of importance among the Italians of Silver Lake section is Dr. Antonio G. Fidanza. He is serving as State senator from Johnston.

FAMIGLIETTI, Armand R., D.M.D.

Born in Providence, August 26, 1909, the son of Pasquale and Carmela (Masi) Famiglietti, who were born respectively at Frigento, Province of Avellino, and Marzano Appio, Province of Naples, Italy.

Dr. Famiglietti was educated in the Providence public schools and Tech-

nical High School, from which he graduated in 1927; he then entered Providence College and graduated in 1929, receiving a certificate of pre-medical studies; he afterwards studied at Tuft's Dental College and graduated in 1933 with the degree of D. M. D. Dr. Famiglietti is registered to practice dentistry in Rhode Island, and has been engaged in the practice of his profession in Providence since 1933.

He is a member of the R. I. Dental Society and American Dental Association. He is a 4th degree Knight of Columbus, being a member of St. Anthony Council, Knights of Columbus. His other social and fraternal affiliations include the Aurora Club and Lodge Vittoria of Order Sons of Italy.

On October 22, 1934, Dr. Famiglietti married Elena Albanese. Office: 524 Charles street, Providence, R. I.



JOSEPH ANTHONY FAMIGLIETTI

FAMIGLIETTI, Joseph Anthony

General contractor; born in Frigento, Province of Avellino, Italy, January 28, 1883, the son of Carmine and Maria Antonia (Guerriero) Famiglietti. His father, a well-known citizen of Frigento, visited the United States in 1878, remained here for two months, and then returned to Italy.

Joseph Anthony Famiglietti received his education in the public schools of his native town. After leaving school, he studied privately, and gained a thorough knowledge of all the details of carpentering and masonry. In 1902 he immigrated to the United States, settling in Providence. Upon his arrival here, he worked at his trade with several large contractors, devoting his spare time in the evenings in studying at the Rhode Island School of Design. Being an exceedingly ambitious and enterprising character, he severed his connection with the companies which then employed him and

went into business for himself, starting his general contracting business. He has been very successful and has done a very large part of the excellent work in the construction of brick buildings and brick houses throughout the city and state, in which field he specializes. Mr. Famiglietti is one of the leading Italo-American business men in Providence, and his high standing in the community is due entirely to his diligent industry and his exact comprehensive knowledge of the contracting and construction business.

Mr. Famiglietti is engaged in business under the name of The Hope Building Company, Inc., of which he is president and treasurer. He is also treasurer of the State Lumber Company, Inc. He is a member of the Elks and Knights of Columbus.

In November, 1905, Mr. Famiglietti married Mary Carmela Barone, a native of Providence. They are the parents of one son, Ernest Romeo Famiglietti. Home: 754 Charles street. Office: 36 Exchange Place, Providence, R. I.

FERRARIS, Felix

Assistant secretary, Foreign Department of the Industrial Trust Company; born at Fort Worth, Texas, May 20, 1895, the son of Giovanni and Angela Ferraris, who came to the United States in 1891 from Borgofranco, D'Ivrea, Province of Aosta, Italy. Family removed to New York City in 1898.

He was graduated from Stuyvesant High School in 1912, and Cornell University in 1916. Served in the United States Navy during World War. In 1919 he entered the banking business in New York City. Came to Providence in 1924 as assistant manager of the Foreign Department of the Industrial Trust Company and assistant secretary since 1931.

Mr. Ferraris is chairman of the Foreign Trade Committee of the Providence Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Federal Hill House Board, and a Trustee of North Providence Library.

His professional, civic and social affiliations include Italo-American Club of Rhode Island, Aurora Club of Rhode Island, American Legion, Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity, and other organizations.

In 1923, Mr. Ferraris married Anne Basile of Brooklyn, N. Y. They are the parents of two daughters and reside in North Providence.

GARGANESE, John

Business man; born in Francavilla Fontana, Province of Brindisi, Italy, February 10, 1905, the son of Nicola and Giuseppina (Di Castri) Garganese, both natives of the same town.

He attended the public schools of his native town, and at the age of thirteen came to the United States to join his father in Providence. For several years he worked as a barber in leading tonsorial shops. In 1933 he went to

work in a grocery store conducted by his father where he learned all the details of the grocery business. In 1939 he established his own grocery business under the name of United Coffee Store, where he specializes in high grade coffee and superior Italian products.

Mr. Garganese is a reliable, energetic and industrious young business man, and the success of his venture is a tribute to his business ability.

On February 11, 1935, Mr. Garganese married Victoria Maini, a native of Providence.

Mr. Garganese's United Coffee Store is at 578 Charles street, Providence, R. I.

GUADAGNI, Paolo

Founder of the confectionery and fancy pastry establishment bearing the same name; born in Pomigliano D'Arco, Province of Naples, Italy, April 16, 1866, the son of Antonio and Carmela Mastracchio Guadagni.

He attended the public schools of his native town, and at the early age of thirteen began to learn the confectionery trade, perfecting his knowledge in Naples, where he also learned the fancy pastry trade from all angles. Upon his return to his native town from Naples he immediately started in business for himself and followed it until he came to these shores.

Upon his arrival here in 1906, he at once engaged in the manufacture of high grade Italian confectionery, wedding cakes and fancy pastry. Since he started his business in Providence, Paolo Guadagni has not only gained the confidence of his clients for the excellence of his products, but he has also made it one of the largest and best equipped of its kind in New England.

Mr. Guadagni married twice. His first wife, Genoveffa Dascoli, died in Naples in 1904. Surviving children of

that marriage are: 1. Giulio; 2. Virgilio. In 1908 he married his second wife, Rosa Romano.

The business founded by Paolo Guadagni is now owned by his son, Virgilio Guadagni, and operated under the name of V. Gaudagni & Sons, with factory at 649 Admiral street, and two spacious, well equipped stores, one at 639 Admiral street, and the other at 242 Atwells avenue, Providence, R. I.

GEREMIA, Edward

Lawyer; born in Providence, February 4, 1912, the son of John and Immacolata (Russillo) Geremia, who were born respectively at Vairano Patenora, and Frosolone, Italy.

He was educated in the Providence public schools and Technical High School, from which he graduated in 1930. He then attended the Rhode Island State College, from which he graduated in 1934 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. While at Rhode Island State College, he majored in political science, economics and history of social legislation. He then pursued his studies at Harvard Law School and Boston University Law School, graduating from the latter institution with the degree of Bachelor of Laws after majoring in the Study of Federal and State Administration of Social Security Legislation.

Mr. Geremia was admitted to the Rhode Island bar on May 19, 1939. In the same year he was appointed legal consultant to the State Department of Social Welfare.

His professional affiliations include Tau Kappa Alpha, the honorary collegiate debating fraternity; Beta Psi Alpha, the Italian fraternity of R. I. State College of which he was one of the founders. Office: Turk's Head Building, Providence, R. I.

GEMMA, Albert

General contractor; born in Arce, Province of Frosinone, Italy, the son of Bernardo and Filomena Calcagni Gemma.

When an infant he was brought to the United States by his parents in 1912, who settled in Providence. He was educated in the local public schools until the age of sixteen, at which time he went to work to learn carpentry and cabinet making. In the meantime he attended the Evening High School and Rhode Island School of Design, where in addition to English he studied architectural designing and draftsmanship.

In 1930, when only nineteen years old, he started his business as a general contractor, specializing in building fine homes, a business which has prospered and expanded under his personal direction.

On April 23, 1936, he married Maria P. Melucci, a native of Providence. They became the parents of two children: 1. Jeannette; 2. Marie Ann. Office: 12 Raritan avenue, Providence, R. I.

GUCCIONE, Giuseppe

Businessman; born in Comiso, Province of Siracusa, Italy, February 10, 1880, the son of Salvatore and Nunziata (Muccio) Guccione, also natives of Comiso.

He attended the public schools of his native town until the age of fourteen, at which time he began to work for his father as a miller. In 1906 he immigrated to the United States, settling in New York City, where he became a wage earner, beginning as a dock worker. In 1908 he visited his native Sicily, returning to New York City in 1909. Upon his return to New York he started in business for himself, establishing a travelling grocery store distributing Italian food products, spe-



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cializing in imported olive oil. While in New York City, he travelled throughout the principal cities of the United States introducing his products. After his marriage in 1911, he moved his business to Providence, making this city his home.

Mr. Guccione, the only Italian engaged in conducting a travelling Italian grocery business, is known for the success of his venture and for the high quality of his products.

During his thirty years in which he has been engaged in business in the United States, he has won a high reputation for honesty, reliability and industry. His sterling qualities and high standards of business dealing have won for him the confidence of his clients and friends.

On April 23, 1911, Mr. Guccione married in New York City, Maria Salomone, a native of Sciacca, Italy, but brought up and educated in New York since she was two months old. They became the parents of six children: 1. Mrs. Anna Lombari; 2. Mrs. Susie Milillo; 3. Ella Josephine;

4. Nunziata; 5. Salvatore Anthony; 6. Palmo Joseph.

Mr. Guccione conducts his travelling grocery business under the name of G. Guccione. Address: 748 Atwells avenue, Providence, R. I.

GENTILE, Herman A.

Osteopathic physician; born in Providence, February 10, 1913, the son of Michael Gentile and Bessie (Bloom) Gentile. His father is a son of early immigrants from Pietravairano, Italy.

Dr. Gentile attended the Providence public schools and Classical High School, from which he graduated in 1930. He then studied for three years at Providence College. He thereafter entered the Philadelphia College of Osteopathy, from which he graduated with the degree of Doctor of Osteopathy in 1938. He spent one year in internship at the Rhode Island Osteopathic Hospital.

He began the active practice of his profession in July, 1938.

At present he is a member of the staff of the Osteopathic Hospital.

His professional affiliations include the National Osteopathic Association. Office: 580 Chalkstone avenue, Providence, R. I.

GIOLITTI, Mario

Treasurer and manager of the Silver Lake Loan and Investment Company, and prominent in Italo-American social, civic and fraternal circles; born in Turin, Italy, October 15, 1901, the son of Camillo and Giulia (Rocca) Giolitti, who were born respectively at Turin and Milan, Italy.

He received his education in the public schools of Genoa and following his graduation from the Technical School enrolled at the Royal Nautical School Vittorio Emanuele II, of Genoa, from which he graduated on July 18,

1920, with the grade of high sea captain.

He began his active career in the Royal Italian Navy, serving as chief steering officer on submarines and mine sweepers doing service on the Adriatic Sea until 1921. He then entered the service of Lloyd Sabaudo as deck officer and rose subsequently to the position of first purser on the liner Conte Verde, serving until 1925. Following the termination of his brilliant career in the Italian merchant navy, Mr. Giolitti immigrated to the United States in 1925, settling in Providence.

Upon his coming to Providence he immediately entered the employ of M. Thomas Marcello, importer, with which concern he spent the first years of his American experience. Since 1937 he has been treasurer and manager of the Silver Lake Loan and Investment Company, a position which he ably fills to the satisfaction of his superiors and the public as well.

A man of broad culture and business ability, Mr. Giolitti is a Past Grand Assistant Venerable of the Order Sons of Italy; a member of Lodge Piave, the Elks, Unitas Club and other organizations.

On October 1, 1925, Mr. Giolitti married Enrichetta Marcello. They became the parents of three children: 1. Mario; 2. Enrico; 3. Giulia. Home: 425 Laurel Hill avenue, Cranston, R. I.

GALASSO, Domenico

Businessman; born in Francavilla Fontana, Province of Brindisi, Italy, June 7, 1891, the son of Francesco and Concetta (Costantina) Galasso.

At an early age he was put to work helping his father in taking care of gardens and farms. In 1907 he immigrated to the United States, settling in

Providence. Upon arriving here he worked in various occupations. In 1919 he bought a car and became a jitney driver. He then went into business in cars for hire and later into the taxi business. At present he is engaged in the trucking and general automobile business.

Mr. Galasso is active in the civic, social and fraternal affairs in the Silver Lake section.

On December 6, 1914, Mr. Galasso married Bessie Pezzullo, a native of Hughesdale. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Francesco; 2. Concetta; 3. Margaret; 4. Rosina; 5. Paolina; 6. Domenico; 7. Anthony; 8. Raymond.

Mr. Galasso's business place is at 170 Laurel Hill avenue, Providence, R. I.

GRECO, Amalio Edward,

Rev, P.S.M.

Born in Providence, October 21, 1915, the son of Giovanni and Maria (Sardarelli) Greco, natives of Vairano Patenora, Italy. His parents are among the earliest settlers of the Silver Lake section.

Fr. Greco received his education in the local public schools and at La Salle Academy, from which he graduated in 1933. He then studied for one year at Noviziato Missionario Pallottini, at Rocca Priora, Province of Rome. He afterwards spent five years at Collegio Regina Degli Apostoli, in Rome, Italy. He was ordained to the priesthood July 30, 1939, and celebrated his first Mass July 31, 1939, at the Church of Regina Degli Apostoli, Rome, Italy. After his ordination he immediately returned to the United States. At present he is connected with St. Leo's Church, Baltimore, Md.

GRILLI, Anthony

Lawyer; born in Providence, September 14, 1908, the son of Ernesto and Maria Sofia (Ursillo) Grilli, who were born respectively at Cassino, Province of Frosinone, Italy, and Marzano Appio, Province of Naples, Italy.

Following his primary education he attended Classical High School two years and then he was compelled to interrupt his studies because of illness. Resuming his studies he attended the Technical High School from which he graduated in 1927. Thereafter he entered Providence College, from which he graduated with the degree of B. Ph. in 1931. Later, he took up the study of law at Georgetown University School of Law, from which he graduated with the degree of LL. B. in 1934.

While attending high school and Providence College he worked under Jack Martin as assistant high school sports editor for the Providence Journal and Evening Bulletin. In the last year of his law school at Georgetown University, he worked at the Government Printing Office in Washington, D. C., in order to help in financing his education. Following his graduation from the law school he worked for one year with the Re-settlement Administration in Washington, D. C. Upon his return to Providence he first worked as salesman for Metz Paper Company and later for a government project called the Consumers Purchases Study. In March, 1937, he was appointed assistant supervisor of Domestic Relations, Department of Public Welfare, of the City of Providence, serving until September, 1939. On November 5, 1937, Mr. Grilli was admitted to the Rhode Island bar, at which time he entered the practice of law in Providence.

On October 12, 1932, Mr. Grilli married Adelina Cantino. They are the parents of three children: 1. Anthony

Ernest; 2. Ernest Albert; 3. Albert John. Office: 908 Union Trust Building, Providence, R. I.

GIORDANO, Simone

Businessman; born in Palazzolo Acreide, Province of Siracusa, Italy, November 19, 1891, the son of Sebastiano and Sebastiana (Lombardo) Giordano.

At the age of nine he left school and began to learn the coppersmith trade from his father. He followed his trade until he immigrated to this country in 1914. Upon his arrival here he was first employed in doing roofing work. He next entered the Bernor Mill at Georgiaville. Being a man of natural intelligence and business ability, in 1920 he established a business of his own, starting a spaghetti and macaroni manufacturing plant, with an adjoining large grocery store, in which are to be found the finest quality of cheese, olive oil and other Italian products.

Mr. Giordano is affiliated with many social and fraternal organizations, including Society Palazzolo Acreide. He is treasurer of Italian Grocery and Marketmen Association. A successful business man, he is also a splendid type of an American citizen.

On August 2, 1913, he married in Italy, Lucia Gilistro. Address: 414 Atwells avenue, Providence, R. I.

GALASSI, Theodore Vincent

President, Capitol Marble & Tile Company, Inc.; born in Carovilli, Province of Campobasso, Italy.

After receiving his education in the grammar schools of his native town, at the age of twelve he began to learn the marble and stone business, and at fifteen he immigrated to the United States, settling first in Philadelphia, where he remained one year. He then spent four years in Boston, working at his trade, moving at the end of that

time to San Francisco, where he established the T. V. Galassi Mosaic Company. His work embracing Roman, Venetian, glass, pearl and ceramic mosaic decorations, and giving employment to seventy-five of those working on the capitol at Sacramento, where the floors were decorated with California poppies. Mr. Galassi was also employed in the decoration of the United States Post Offices at San Francisco and Oakland, Cal., and Portland, Ore., and on the battleships at Mare Island. Among the many public buildings for which he applied the decorative work were the Union Savings Bank at Oakland, the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, the Columbus Savings & Loan Company's buildings, also of San Francisco, and the following structures all of which are in the same city: the buildings of the Pacific State Telegraph and Telephone Company, the Italian-American Bank, the Yokohama Specie Bank, the Iroquois Apartments, the Buckingham Apartments, the James Flood Building. Some of those he decorated elsewhere were the following: the Union Savings Bank at Oakland, the Central Bank at the same place, the library buildings at Vellejo and Berkeley, churches and public buildings at Palo Alto, St. Joseph's Church, the new Albee Theatre, old Keith's, new Victory, the Jackson Building, the Dexter Asylum and the Providence College Dormitory, all these in Providence. The Junior and Senior High School buildings, Pawtucket, R. I. He also decorated State buildings at Howard, R. I., the Narragansett Pier Post Office, the Newport Training Station, St. Luke's Hospital at New Bedford, the Sayles Bleachery, and many of the large mills in Rhode Island.

He has also worked for the Bureau of Mines, United States Government, at Pittsburgh, finished the fourth and fifth floors of the Federal Building,

and all the tile and marble work for Walter H. Arnold at East Greenwich. The foregoing is only a partial list of Mr. Galassi's contracts.

Mr. Galassi has also made a reputation as an inventor for devices and appliances applied to his line of decorative art. On the occasions of the Litorial Exposition, held in Bologna, Italy, on May 15-29, 1932, Mr. Galassi was awarded a Diploma of Merit accompanied by Merit Cross and Gold Medal for the high excellence of his contribution to decorative art.

Mr. Galassi married in Italy, Lucretia Milanese, of his home town, and they became the parents of the following children: Lilia; Theodore V. Jr., born August 13, 1915, died October 26, 1916; Italia Victoria; Irma Bianca; Vera; Lucio Mario.

Mr. Galassi is president of the Capitol Marble & Tile Co., Inc., engaged in the tile, slate, mosaic and glass business. Office: 48 Oxford street, Providence, R. I.

GAMMINO, Michael A.

President and treasurer, M. A. Gammino Construction Company. One of the foremost road contractors in Rhode Island and widely known Italo-American. American born, he is the son of the late Frank A. Gammino, also a road contractor, who immigrated to the United States from Basilicata, Italy, back in the late '70s and settled in Providence in the late '90s.

Mr. Gammino has constructed hundreds of miles of roads in Rhode Island and other sections of the United States.

On July 1, 1907, Mr. Gammino married Grazia Pennacchia. A son-in-law of Mr. Gammino is John R. Cioci, Representative from the 7th Assembly District. Home: 152 Columbia avenue, Edgewood. Office: 728 Valley street, Providence, R. I.

GARGANESE, Nicola

Businessman; born in Francavilla Fontana, Province of Brindisi, Italy, October 20, 1881, the son of Salvatore and Antonietta (Solazzo) Garganese.

He attended the public schools and gymnasium of his native town. After leaving school he spent five years as clerk in the office of taxes and records of the town of Francavilla. Later he opened a cafe and liquor store which he kept until he came to the United States in 1905. Upon his arriving in Providence he obtained employment at F. E. Chester Mfg. Company as shipping clerk, and worked there until he started his own business under the name of United Coffee Store, specializing in high grade roasted coffee and the finest Italian groceries. Mr. Garganese, a man of education, is regarded as a very able and successful business man, and much of the growth of his enterprise must be attributed to his honesty and reliability. Recently he became the owner of the property at 346 Atwells avenue, the site of the old Florence Drug Store, which was established by the late Dr. V. L. Raia in 1893.

Mr. Garganese is one of the original founders of Lodge Italia, Order Sons of Italy; founder of Camp Garibaldi, Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Garganese married in Italy, November 25, 1903, Giuseppina Di Castri. They are the parents of two children: 1. Paul, engaged as supervisor for the Pioneer Stores; 2. John, engaged in the grocery business.

Mr. Garganese's United Coffee Store is at 341 Atwells avenue, Providence, R. I.

GENTILE, Anthony A.

Police captain, Providence Police Department. See Page 165, First Edition, *Italo-Americans of Rhode Island*, 1936.

COIA-HARRIS, Anita Dolores

Pianist; born in Providence, the daughter of Philip and Giovanna (Di Iorio) Coia, who were born respectively, at Filignano, and Colletorto, Province of Campobasso, Italy.

She attended St. Ann's Parochial School and St. Xavier's Academy. She then studied music at the Providence College of Music, directed by Dr. Wassili Leps, conductor of the Providence Symphony Orchestra. While at the Providence College of Music she specialized in piano, teaching and concert work, graduating in 1932.

Mrs. Coia Harris has successfully taught piano for the past nine years and has appeared in many concerts as pianist, accompanist and assistant artist. She is listed as a member of the faculty of the Providence College of Music.

She holds membership in the N. E. Council of Young Republicans, the Knights of Columbus Auxiliary and other women's organizations.

Studio: 155 Langdon street, Providence, R. I.

IZZO, John

Cabinet maker; born in Sessa Aurunca, Province of Naples, Italy, September 21, 1893, the son of Ambrogio and Civita (Croce) Izzo.

After receiving his elementary education, at the age of fifteen he went to work for his father from whom he learned the cabinet making trade. In 1911 he immigrated to the United States, settling first in New York, where he worked at his trade. In 1915 he moved to Providence, where he established his own business, specializing in general cabinet work for bars, drug stores, restaurants and booths.

He is a past vice president and now secretary of Union and Benevolence Society, the oldest Italian fraternal society in Rhode Island.

In 1918 he married Teresa Buon-

anno. They became the parents of four children: 1. Ambrogio; 2. Alfred; 3. Remo; 4. Vincenzo. Address: 18 Bassett street, Providence, R. I.

IANNITELLI, Angelo Raffaele

Veteran insurance underwriter; born in Prata Sannita, Province of Campobasso, Italy, March 7, 1884, the son of Francesco and Maria Giovanna (La Banca) Iannitelli.

He was brought to Rhode Island by his parents when a small boy in 1892. For a while he attended the local public schools until the age of ten, at which time he went to work in a textile factory. Next he worked successively as a milk man, in a foundry factory, as a shipping clerk for Ballou, Johnson & Nichols. In 1914 he entered the service of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. In 1922 he went to work as manager for one of the A. & P. stores, remaining there four years. In 1922 he returned to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, remaining there ever since. An indefatigable worker, in his long years of service, Mr. Iannitelli has not only demonstrated marked ability, but ranks high among the underwriters of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

On November 8, 1908, Mr. Iannitelli married Carolina Leo, a native of Pietro Montecorvino, Province of Foggia, Italy. They became the parents of three children: 1. Angelo, Jr.; 2. Maria Consiglia; 3. Carmela.

IANNUCCILLO, Thomas

Contractor; born in Roccamonfina, Province of Naples, Italy, June 1, 1890, the son of Antonio and Isabella (Petteruti) Iannuccillo.

He attended the public schools of his native town until the age of eleven, at which time he began his apprenticeship in the masonry trade. This was

followed by experience in construction work. In 1910 he immigrated to the United States, settling in Providence. Upon coming to Providence he followed his trade until twenty years ago, at which time he started his own business as a mason contractor. His many building operations include work for St. Mary's Church, St. Theresa's Church, State Institutions, etc.

Mr. Iannuccillo is a member of the Young Italian Imperial Club.

On June 1, 1913, Mr. Iannuccillo married Vincenza Sciarretta, a native of Sessa Aurunca, Italy. They became the parents of six children: 1. Isabella; 2. Mafalda; 3. Viola; 4. Elvira; 5. Rosa; 6. Rita. Address: 161 Unit street, Providence, R. I.

IANNUCCILLO, Angelo

General contractor; born in Roccamonfina, Province of Naples, Italy, August 23, 1880, the son of Pasquale and Carmela (Maccarone) Iannuccillo, also natives of the same town.

After a brief education, at the age of thirteen he began his apprenticeship in the mason trade and followed this occupation until he came to this country in 1899, settling in Lawrence, Mass. After working in Lawrence for three years, he moved to Providence in 1902. He worked as mason until 1905 at which time he went into the masonry contracting business. Since 1920 he has been in business for himself as a general contractor. Many well-built homes, garages and gasoline stations built by him are scattered throughout the state.

Mr. Iannuccillo married (first) Angela Damiani. She died in 1917. He married the second time, Elisa Muoio. His children are the following: 1. Carmela; 2. Latterina; 3. Ribella; 4. Pasquale; 5. Arturo; 6. Luigi; 7. Raymond; 8. Agnese.

Mr. Iannuccillo is a member of the

Italo-American Club, Young Italian Imperial Club, the Elks. Address: 185 Unit street, Providence, R. I.

IMPERIAL KNIFE COMPANY

The manufacture of pocket knives and similar cutlery articles is one of the important industries which has received great development in the City of Providence through the initiative of enterprising and sturdy sons of Frosolone, Italy.

The creation of this new industry in Rhode Island is due to Michael A. Mirando, trained in the cutlery trade since his boyhood in Italy. Upon arriving on these shores some thirty years ago, he first worked in the cutlery factories in Connecticut where he developed the idea of establishing a cutlery factory of his own. The first inception of this new industry was some twenty-three years ago when Michael A. Mirando established a small shop of his own at 4 Pocasset avenue, in the Olneyville section, a business which he carried on alone. As he progressed with his industry he became greatly enthused over the possibilities of such an industry that he was able to convince his young brother, Felix A. Mirando, and his close friend, Domenic A. Fazzano, to join him in his enterprise. From these three young men, experienced knife makers, possessing initiative and energetic in action, grew the Imperial Knife Company, founded in 1917.

The Imperial Knife Company is located at 14 Blount street, a short distance from the center of the city of Providence. It is a thoroughly modern plant, designed especially for the manufacture of pocket knives and kindred articles. Since its operation, it has become the largest factory in the country devoted exclusively to the manufacture of pocket knives. It occupies an entire building containing six floors

and nearly seven hundred people employed.

The great plant of the Imperial Knife Company stands as a fitting symbol of the growth of a new industry in Providence, originated and developed by Michael A. Mirando, Felix A. Mirando and Domenic A. Fazzano, three sons of Italy, but now devoted and loyal American citizens.

Michael A. Mirando, Felix A. Mirando and Domenic A. Fazzano, proprietors of the Imperial Knife Company, represent the best type of American citizenship. They are active in club circles, leaders in community affairs and enjoy fully the respect, confidence and esteem of their fellow citizens.

IDEAL KNIFE COMPANY

In 1921 the two brothers, Domenico Maselli and Michele Maselli, two expert cutlers from Frosolone, got together and formed a partnership under the name of Ideal Knife Company to manufacture high grade pocket knives. This concern has been in operation for the past nineteen years, and its plant at 9 Adie street, employs about 15 employees.

The two brothers, natives of Frosolone, Italy, are the sons of Francesco and Saveria (Zampini) Maselli. The father, a skilled cutler, operated a knife factory in Frosolone.

Domenico Maselli, eldest of the two brothers, was born on June 23, 1887. After attending school he served his apprenticeship under his father and remained there until he was called to serve in the 5th Regiment of Artillery. He was honorably discharged in 1909. In 1910 he immigrated to the United States. Upon arriving here he worked at his trade until he went into business by starting the Ideal Knife Company with his brother.

Mr. Maselli married Maria Di Biase, a native of Frosolone. They are

the parents of seven children: 1. Joseph; 2. Sarah; 3. John; 4. Felix; 5. Michael; 6. Louis; 7. Anna.

Michele Maselli, younger brother and joint owner of the Ideal Knife Company, was born on October 20, 1892. After attending school he served his apprenticeship under his father and remained there until he immigrated to the United States in 1911. He worked at his trade until he went into business by starting the Ideal Knife Company with his brother.

Mr. Maselli is a charter member of the Frosolonese Club.

On September 29, 1919, Michele Maselli married Theresa Di Tata. They are the parents of four children: 1. Joseph; 2. Nicholas; 3. Michael; 4. Thomas.

IZZO, Andrew F.

Businessman and a veteran of the World War; born in Teano, Province of Naples, Italy, September 18, 1898, the son of Vincenzo and Maria De Francesco Izzo, also natives of the same town. At the age of nine he was brought to the United States by his mother to join his father in Providence.

Upon his arrival here, he attended the local public schools, Technical High School and Rhode Island School of Design. When the United States entered the World War he enlisted in the United States Army and saw overseas service. He served with the 102nd Headquarters, Field Artillery, 26th Division. Later he also served with the Tank Corps. He saw active duty under fire at the Aisne, Marne and St. Mihiel sectors where he distinguished himself for bravery and was awarded a war medal in recognition of his valor. He was honorably discharged on January 26, 1919.

Following his discharge from the army Mr. Izzo resumed his occupation

as a machinist at Brown & Sharpe, and completed his studies as a draftsman at the Rhode Island School of Design. After working at his trade for a number of years Mr. Izzo was also interested in the hardware business. At present he is the owner of a flourishing grocery store on Mount Pleasant avenue.

Mr. Izzo is a Past Commander of Rocco Bagaglio Post; member of 26th Division V. A.; American Legion and Disabled Veterans. His social affiliation is with the Ausonia Club. In the fall of 1938 he was a candidate for councilman from the 6th Ward.

On October 30, 1925, Mr. Izzo married Antonetta Russo, a native of Teano, Italy. They are the parents of two children: 1. Andrew F., Jr.; 2. Vincent Thomas. Address: 88 Mount Pleasant avenue, Providence, R. I.

JACKVONY, Louis V.

Attorney General of the State of Rhode Island; respected citizen and leader of Italian descent, who with affection for the land of his forefathers, gives his full devotion to American principles and institutions.

He was born in Providence, R. I., January 25, 1892, the son of the late Antonio and of Carmela Jackvony. Married to Clotilda Zambarano, February 7, 1921. Children: Louis Jr., Jacqueline and Alma.

Lawyer — Soldier — Legislator — Public Servant.

Boston University Law School, 1916; admitted to the Rhode Island Bar, 1917; enlisted in the U. S. Army during the World War; member of Rhode Island House of Representatives, 1920-1922; Assistant Attorney General of Rhode Island, 1925-1930; elected Attorney General on November 8, 1938.

Mr. Jackvony has worked diligently



LOUIS V. JACKVONY

in the discharge of his high office. His public career is an open book of capable and disinterested service. He believes firmly in the principles of Americanism and its aims and has contributed largely to its success and permanence in the community. He has a wide acquaintance in his State among its people in all walks of life. His democratic friendliness also contributing to his large following. Throughout Rhode Island, he is known as a fearless, able and devoted public servant, and enjoys the confidence of its citizens.

Governor Vanderbilt in praising Mr. Jackvony for his services rendered to the State made the following statement on August 12, 1940:

"I want to congratulate the Attorney General and his department on the conviction and sentencing of those

guilty of election frauds in Providence and elsewhere in the State. The results of these trials and their culmination in jail sentences should act as an encouragement to the people of Rhode Island and as a serious warning to that small group who have engineered crookedness at the polls in the past. The recent convictions are added proof that future elections in this State are going to be honest."

JACKVONY, Albert H., M.D.

A small town that figures conspicuously in the history of early Italian immigrants to Providence is Capriati al Volturno, in the Province of Campobasso, Italy. Among the well-known descendants of this group is Dr. Albert H. Jackvony, American born.

LAUDATI, Hector David

Lawyer; born in Providence, September 19, 1909, the son of Nicola and Rosina Laudati, both natives of Santa Croce del Sannio, Province of Benevento, Italy.

He received his education in the local public schools and at Classical High School, from which he graduated in 1927; graduated from Brown University with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1931. He worked for a few years and then entered Harvard Law School in 1935, from which he graduated with the degree of LL.B. in 1939.

Upon his admission to the Rhode Island bar on November 29, 1939, Mr. Laudati entered immediately in the active practice of law. Office: 49 Westminster street, Providence, R. I.

LEONELLI, Lucia E.

A leader in Italo-American activities and one of the best known Italo-American women in Rhode Island; born in Pontecorvo, Province of Frosinone, Italy, the daughter of Alessandro and Oliva (Forlini) Santoro, both natives of the same town.

After completing her studies at the convent of Sacro Cuore at Pontecorvo, in 1907 she came to the United States with her mother to join her father in Providence.

For many years she has been prominent in promoting cultural, social, fraternal and patriotic activities among Italo-American organizations. She is a member of the R. I. Council of Italian Women, of which she took an active part in its reorganization; she is one of the founders and at present Secretary of Convivio Cultural Club; President of the Ladies Harmony Club of Rhode Island; member of Lodge Gloria, Order Sons of Italy. She has been active in raising funds for the American

Red Cross, the Italian Red Cross and Community Fund.

On February 16, 1908, she married Filomeno Leonelli, a native of Frosolone, Italy. Her husband is a prominent Catholic layman of Holy Ghost Church, one of the founders and past president of Holy Name Society and member of Carducci Lodge, Order Sons of Italy.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonelli are the parents of six children: 1. Maria C.; 2. Joseph, a school teacher; 3. Ermanno, an accountant; 4. Renato, a school teacher; 5. William, a student; 6. Ilda. Home: 84 Althea street, Providence, R. I.

LEONELLI, Renato, E.

Teacher; born in Providence, May 12, 1916, the son of Filomeno and Lucia (Santoro) Leonelli.

He received his education in the local public schools and La Salle Academy, graduating with honors in 1934. He then entered Rhode Island State College, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Sciences in 1938.

He began teaching as a student teacher of mathematics at Hope High School, 1938-39. At present he is a substitute teacher in the Providence public schools.

Mr. Leonelli is a platoon sergeant of the Reserve Officers Training Corps of R. I. State College.

LEONELLI, Joseph

Teacher! born in Providence, September 3, 1910, the son of Filomeno and Lucia (Santoro) Leonelli.

He received his education in the local public schools and at Classical High School, graduating in 1927. He then attended Providence College, graduating with honors with the degree of Ph.B. in 1931. He afterwards enrolled at Rhode Island College of Edu-

cation, graduating with the degree of B.Ed. in 1932. Pursuing further his studies, on June 10, 1940, he received the degree of Master of Education from Boston University.

In 1934 he began his career as a public school teacher, teaching social sciences at Oliver Hazard Perry Jr. High School. At present he is listed as a teacher of mathematics and journalism.

Mr. Leonelli is a member of Tyler Council, Knights of Columbus; Aurora Club; one of the founders and member of Clavis Cultural Club.

LEONELLI, Ermanno, J.

Accountant; born in Providence, December 1, 1914, the son of Filomeno and Lucia (Santoro) Leonelli.

He received his education in the local public schools and Commercial High School, graduating in 1931. Immediately thereafter he pursued a commercial course at Bryant College, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Business Administration in 1938.

Mr. Leonelli is a member of the Colita Graduate Club.

LEONI, Pilade Mario

Electrical engineer; born in Alatri, Province of Rome, Italy, the son of Camillo and Emilia (Benedetti) Leoni, who were born respectively, at Montecatini, and Falvaterra, Italy.

He received his education in the public schools of Rome, Collegio Nazza-reno and at the Royal University of Rome, from which he graduated with the degree of Electrical Engineer. On graduation he enlisted in the Royal Italian Army, assigned to the engineers. Following his discharge from the Italian Army in 1912, he came to the United States, settling in Woonsocket, R. I.

Mr. Leoni's first activity after arriv-

ing at Woonsocket was in the automobile business. He then went with the electrical power and light construction. In 1923 he joined the International Telephone and Telegraph Company of New York, serving there in the purchasing department of the International Standard Electrical Company. Later, served as telephone engineer for the International Company, travelling extensively throughout Cuba, Mexico, Spain, England, France and other countries. It was in 1929 that Mr. Leoni was sent to Rome to supervise the first telephone connection between Italy and the United States. In 1930 he went back to Rome to supervise the installation of the telephone system at the Vatican. He returned to New York in 1931 where he served as commercial agent for the Commercial Cable Company. In 1932 he was with General Pellegrini and Colonel Infante of the Royal Italian Aviation to prepare the Balbo flight to Chicago, New York and back to Rome.

In recognition of his services, in 1931, His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, conferred upon him the decoration of Cavaliere of St. Gregorio Magno, In 1934, the Italian government conferred upon him the decoration of Commendatore.

Mr. Leoni has lectured extensively to many clubs, societies and fraternities on Rome and on the Vatican.

Mr. Leoni married in Woonsocket, Irene Fugere, a native of the same city. They are the parents of two children: 1. Leon; 2. Evelyn. Home: 137 Dover street, Providence, R. I.

LUONGO, Fedele Ubaldino, M.D.

Born in Tufo, Province of Avellino, Italy, February 23, 1887, the son of Vincenzo and Maria (Ruotolo) Luongo.

As a boy he attended the public schools of his native town and then

studied at the Gymnasium and Lyceum at Avellino, where he completed both the secondary and classical studies. He then took up the study of medicine at the Royal University of Naples, graduating in 1912 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine and Surgery. He later served his internship in the hospitals of Naples.

He came to the United States in 1913 and established himself in the practice of medicine in Providence.

Dr. Luongo is connected as a physician with the Homeopathic Hospital, Miriam Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital.

Dr. Luongo is a member and past president of the Malpighi Medical Club. His other professional affiliations include the Providence Medical Society; Rhode Island Medical Society; American Medical Association.

On November 10, 1915, Dr. Luongo married Esther Ballarin. They are the parents of one daughter: Maria. Office: 508 Charles street, Providence, R. I.

LAURIENZO, Michele

Businessman and prominent in fraternal, social, civic and patriotic circles; born in Matrice, Province of Campobasso, Italy, July 29, 1881, the son of Luigi and Marta (Cornacchione) Laurienzo.

He received his education in the public schools of his native town and at the University of Naples. In 1904, he immigrated to Rhode Island. A man of culture, on coming to Providence he realized the necessity of learning a trade in order to make a livelihood for himself. He immediately served an apprenticeship as a cabinet maker and mastered every branch of the trade. He then worked as a cabinet maker, finally engaged in business for himself.

For many years active in fraternal

circles in the North End section, he served first as Grand Assistant Venerable, and later as Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of the Order Sons of Italy of Rhode Island. He was one of the charter members of Lodge Vittoria of Order Sons of Italy. He was one of its influential member, in which he held various offices including that of Recording-Secretary, which he held until his premature death.

On February 18, 1908, Mr. Laurienzo married Maria Schiavone, a native of Sessa Aurunca, Italy. They became the parents of three children: Mrs. Italia Romano, wife of Bernard Romano; 2. Viola; 3. Mrs. Elvira Coia, wife of Paul Coia.

Mr. Laurienzo died in Providence, March 27, 1940. The North End section, has lost by his death, one of its stalwart citizens who for many years gave of the best at his command to the welfare of the community.

LAPOLLA, Daniel

Lawyer and Director of Federal Census for Providence; born in Providence, April 13, 1906, the son of Raffaele and Angiolina (Tramonti) Lapolla, who were born respectively, at Panni, and Bovino, in the Province of Foggia, Italy.

He received his education in the local public schools. Following his graduation from Classical High School, he entered Brown University. While at Brown he achieved many scholastic honors, including first prize Sons of Italy in Italian; appointed James Manning Scholar in 1924; was elected to Phi Beta Kappa honorary scholastic society in his junior year; won Hicks prize in English in 1927; appointed James Manning Scholar in 1927; received Final Honors in English in 1927, and graduated, Cum Laude, with the degree of LL.B., in 1927. Following his graduation from Brown

University, he served there for two years as assistant instructor in the English Department. He afterwards enrolled at Boston University Law School, graduating with the degree of LL.B., in 1933. He was admitted to the Rhode Island bar in 1934.

During 1936-38, Mr. Lapolla served as Assistant Clerk of the Superior Court. In December, 1939, he was appointed Director of the Federal Census for the City of Providence. In the discharge of the exacting duties of both offices, fraught with so many and various responsibilities, he has made a notable record, exercising his splendid knowledge and thorough training to appreciable results.

Mr. Lapolla is a member of the Aurora Club, Italo-American Club and Bonefro Club.

On September 18, 1935, Mr. Lapolla married Elda C. Giannotti, American born. Office: 49 Westminster street, Providence, R. I.

LOMBARDO, Ralph B.

Assistant District Manager, John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company; born in Providence, February 2, 1910, the son of Antonio and Angiolina (Di Muccio) Lombardo. His father is a native of Pietravairano, Italy. His mother, American born, is a daughter of the late Mr. Di Muccio, a sturdy and industrious pioneer from Pietravairano, Italy, who settled on Federal Hill in the 80's.

Mr. Lombardo attended the local public schools, Technical High School and Rhode Island State College, graduating with the degree of B.S. in 1932.

In 1933 he entered the employ of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company. An ambitious and energetic youth, his rise was inevitable from the start. In 1935 he was promoted to assistant district manager.

Mr. Lombardo is a member of the Aurora, Italo-American and Unitas Catholic Clubs.

On August 26, 1935, Mr. Lombardo married Genevieve Fogarty, a native of Providence. They are the parents of two children: 1. Ralph B. Jr.; 2. David A. Office: John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company, Providence, R. I.

MELILLO, Vincenzo

Proprietor of Danbury Hat Manufacturing Company and one of the original Italian hat manufacturers in the United States; born in Atripalda, Province of Avellino, Italy, December 5, 1866, the son of Pellegrino Mellini and Maddalena Angiuoli. He received his education in the public schools of his native town, and at the early age of twelve he left school and became an apprentice in a hat factory and perfected his trade in Naples.

In 1891, Mr. Melillo immigrated to the United States, settling first in Newark, N. J., in which city he obtained employment in a hat factory. He later worked at his trade in New York and Danbury. In 1909 he conducted for a brief period a hat factory in New York City. He moved with his family to Providence in 1914 and established here his high grade hat manufacturing business, to which he added a complete line of men's furnishings.

Mr. Melillo married in 1900, at Danbury, Conn., Amalia Mazzarella, and they became the parents of the following children: 1. Mrs. Madeline Mascia; 2. William, associated with his father in the business; 3. Thomas Domenico, also associated with his father in the business.

The Danbury Hat Manufacturing Company, of which Mr. Melillo is the founder and sole owner, is located on La Salle Square, Providence, R. I.

MOORE BROTHERS, The

One of the best firms of its kind is that of Moore Brothers, well-known Italo-Americans in the North End section of the City of Providence.

These four young men, Thomas C., John, Anthony and Arthur, got together some years ago and formed a co-partnership among themselves to engage in the wholesale and retail business of cut flowers, gladiolus, bulbs, singing canaries and tropical fish. From a very small beginning the business has steadily grown, until today the Moore Brothers not only have one of the most profitable breeds of canaries in Rhode Island, but they are also among the largest growers of gladiolus and bulbs.

Melodious singing canaries can be purchased here at reasonable prices. This firm also specializes as growers of superb gladiolus flowers and young vigorous bulbs.

In developing this business, Thomas C., oldest of the firm, personally trained and instructed his younger brothers. They are self-made men in the truest sense, their success the result of industry, economy, integrity and sound business judgment.

These four brothers, American born are all children of Anthony and Nellie Caruolo, both pioneer Italian settlers of the Charles street section. Address: 73 Hagan street, Providence, R. I.

MARIANETTI, Louise E.

A promising young artist, born in Providence, March 16, 1916, the daughter of Cesare and the late Elvira (Tirocchi) Marianetti.

Miss Marianetti exhibited a love for art when she was a mere girl, and at an early age, between school hours, she took private lessons in painting, and on Saturdays she attended the R. I. School of Design, from which she received a scholarship. It was while receiving this preliminary training that

she gave evidence of her artistic qualities and of her desire to follow it as her life career. Following her graduation from the Nathanael Greene Junior High School in 1932, she enrolled at the R. I. School of Design, where she studied painting and sculpturing, graduating in 1936. Thereafter she was admitted at the Art Students League in New York City, where she studied for a year and a half under Robert Brackman; later at the same institution she became a student of William C. Palmer, an outstanding mural painter, under whom she studied Tempera painting.

Miss Marianetti has successfully exhibited the following work executed by her: "Portrait Study," at R. I. School of Design Galleries, June 15, 1936. Painting of "Thomas S. Lucitt," at Gallery of Fine Arts in New York, August 16, 1937. A painting, "The Bath," at Providence Art Club, April, 1938. On January, 29, 1939, she exhibited a variety of original oil paintings at her home which attracted wide attention and strong favorable comment. Miss Louise E. Marianetti lives at the home of her father. Studio: 1363 Smith street, North Providence, R. I.

MANCINI, Novello A.

Manufacturing jeweler, born in Fontegrega, Province of Campobasso, Italy, February 20, 1896, the son of Camillo and Filomena (Cucculo) Mancini.

When an infant he was brought to the United States by his parents, who settled in Providence. He attended the local public schools and graduated from the English High School in 1914. For two years he took up a correspondent course in law with the La Salle Extension University.

He became a jewelry apprentice at Ostby & Barton Company, and later worked as diamond setter in St. Louis, Missouri. On May 1st 1917, he en-

listed as a musician in the 2nd Coast Artillery Band and was honorably discharged in October, 1917. He re-enlisted in the U. S. Aviation Corps, serving as a reserve officer until November, 1918. Following his honorable discharge, he started in the jewelry manufacturing business for himself, and has continued its existence ever since.

He is a Past Venerable and member of Lodge Dante Alighieri, Order Sons of Italy; national commander of the Italian World War Veterans Association; member of Knights of Columbus and other fraternal and civic organizations. In 1932, he served as Eastern Campaign Manager for the Republican Party.

He married (first), in 1917, Enrichetta Taccone, deceased. He married the second time in 1921, Giuseppina Pozzi. His children are the following: 1. Victor Camillo; 2. Elena Filomena. Address: 601 Charles street, Providence, R. I.

MOTTA, Alfred Edward

Lawyer; born in Providence, February 28, 1911, the son of Raniero Vittorio Motta and Elvira (Autieri) Motta. His parents are natives of Teno, Italy.

He was educated in the Providence public schools and after graduating from Classical High School in 1929, he entered Providence College, graduating with the degree of Ph.B., in 1933. He afterwards took up the study of law at the University of Michigan, graduating with the degree of LL.B. in 1937.

He was admitted to the Rhode Island bar on May 8, 1938, and immediately began the active practice of law.

He is a member of the Italo-American Club.

On May 27, 1939, Mr. Motta married Irene Augustine, a cultured

young woman of Detroit, Michigan, a graduate of the University of Michigan. Office: 267 Academy avenue, Providence, R. I.

MONTELLA, Maria C.

Teacher; born in New York City, the daughter of Carmine and Columbia (Mazzeo) Montella. Her parents immigrated from Italy some forty-two years ago.

She attended the Providence public schools and graduated from Commercial High School. Thence she entered the Rhode Island College of Education where she completed her studies.

Following her graduation from the Rhode Island College of Education, she began teaching as a student teacher at Grove street and Beacon avenue schools. She received an appointment as permanent teacher in 1926. She is listed as a teacher at Kenyon Street School.

Miss Montella is a member of the Providence Teachers Association.

MAIELLO, Luigi, M.D.

State Senator; born in Naples, Italy, the son of Dr. Pasquale and Anna (Castiglione) Maiello. The Maiello family is among the old and noble families of Naples. For generations this family has given physicians, officials, including diplomats, to its community.

Following his graduating from the Royal University of Naples in 1899, he served his internship in the leading hospitals of his native city. After completing his internship Dr. Maiello served for a while as Town Physician at Raviscanina, Province of Benevento, Italy. Later, he was appointed a physician on board steamships playing between Naples and New York. While visiting the United States in 1903, he settled in Providence and since then has been engaged in the practice of medicine in this city.

Well-known as a patron of art, Dr. Maiello is also active in social, civic and fraternal affairs.

A staunch supporter of the Democratic Party, he has frequently been honored by election to important offices. He served as city councilman in Providence, 1937-38, and as a Presidential elector in 1932 and 1936. He was elected senator for the 4th Providence District, November 8, 1938.

In private life Senator Maiello had been a valiant advocate in promoting the welfare of the common people, and while in public life this sentiment found expression in his constant watching to prevent legislation which he thought might prove inimical to their welfare. As a State Senator, he has proven himself an able and devoted public servant, and has gained for himself not only the respect of his colleagues, his constituents, but also of the entire community.

Senator Maiello married in Naples Maria Josephine Russo. They became the parents of four children: 1. Dr. Pasquale, deceased in 1939; 2. Mrs. Anna Cappiello, wife of Dr. Silvestro Cappiello of Hartford, Conn.; 3. William, husband of Mrs. Luisa Cappelli Maiello and a graduate of the Boston University Law School; 4. Robert, a graduate of Harvard Business School. Office: 299 Broadway, Providence, R. I.

MAIELLO, Pasquale, M.D.

Born in Naples, Italy, 41 years ago, the son of Dr. Luigi Maiello and Mrs. Maria Josephine (Russo) Maiello. At the age of three he was brought to the United States by his parents. His childhood was spent in Providence and his education was wholly American.

Through his practice on Governor street, he had won a high reputation as a promising young surgeon, a cultivated

gentleman, and a public-spirited citizen.

He was active in civic, social and religious circles and stood among the foremost in giving his aid to all that pertains to charity.

Dr. Pasquale E. Maiello died in Providence, July 20, 1939. Father Rebello, pastor of the Portuguese Church of Holy Rosary on Traverse street, paid high tribute to Dr. Maiello during the committal service at St. Ann's Cemetery. He said the late doctor had earned the regard of his parish for his generosity and helpfulness to the needy and poor.

The late Dr. Maiello was a genial and splendid young man and his premature death was a distinct loss to his many friends and others who enjoyed the privilege of association with him.

MASTROBUONO, Elviro

Registered pharmacist; born in Providence, September, 22, 1906, the son of Domenico and Virginia (Di Meo) Mastrobuono, who were born respectively, in Providence, and Santa Maria Capua Vetere, Italy. His grandfather, Pasquale Mastrobuono, an immigrant from Raviscanina in the early 70's, was one of the founders of the Italian colony on Federal Hill, conducted a private bank there and returned to Italy in 1898.

Elviro Mastrobuono attended the Providence public schools and La Salle Academy. He later attended the Rhode Island College of Pharmacy, from which he graduated with the degree of Ph.G. in 1925. After completing his studies, he held responsible positions with Liggett's, Whelan's, and other leading drug stores. In 1931 he entered into the drug business for himself, starting the Mastrobuono's Pharmacy.

Mr. Mastrobuono is a member of lodge "Luce Moderna," Order Sons of Italy; he is one of the founders and

at present president of the Latin and American Independent Club of East Providence.

On July 18, 1929, Mr. Mastrobuono married Filomena F. Villanova, a native of Providence. They became the parents of: Virginia and Raymond, twins; Elviro, Jr.

Mr. Mastrobuono's pharmacy is at 328 Warren avenue, East Providence, R. I.

MAROELLI, John Gottardo

Veteran postal employe, prominent in masonic circles and member of one of the oldest immigrant families to settle in the Eagle Park section; born in Providence, March 29, 1886, the son of Giovanni Battista and Maria (Satti) Maroelli. His parents, natives of Caprignana, Province of Lucca, Italy, immigrated to Rhode Island in the early 70's, and were among the earliest Italian settlers of Eagle Park.

He was educated in the local public schools and after leaving school he worked in a number of occupations. He later became connected with the Providence Post Office, holding the position of letter carrier, a position he has held for nearly thirty years.

He is a charter member and Past Master of Roosevelt Lodge, F. & A. M.

On January 17, 1906, Mr. Maroelli married Mae Estelle. They became the parents of three children: 1. Ewart; 2. Beatrice; 3. Dolores.

MORRONE, Antonio

Veteran general contractor and pioneer resident of Federal Hill; born in Marzano Appio, Province of Naples, Italy, September 8, 1865, the son of Giuseppe and Teresa (Cipolla) Morrone.

He attended the public schools of his native town and at an early age

learned the masonry trade. On reaching his military age, he joined the Royal Italian Army, and for three years served the 1st Regiment of Engineers' Regiment. Following his honorable discharge from the army he immigrated to the United States in 1892, settling in Providence. During the early period of his American residence he worked at the mason and painting trade. He later went into business for himself starting a general contracting business.

Deeply interested in civic and fraternal affairs, Mr. Morrone is a member of the Italian Union and Benevolent Society.

In 1895, Mr. Morrone married Josephine Gerardi. They became the parents of four children: 1. Joseph, engaged in the contracting business; 2. Ida; 3. Mrs. Florence Mercurio; 4. Theresa.

MARINO, Paolo

Proprietor of Marino Jewelry Company, Inc.; born in Ascoli Satriano, Province of Foggia, Italy, June 18, 1900, the son of Giuseppe and Maria Nicola (Negri) Marino.

He received his early education at the Convent of St. Maria in his native town until the age of 10, at which time he was brought to the United States by his mother to join his father who had already settled in Providence. Upon coming to Providence, he attended the local public schools and high school. He then entered the Rhode Island School of Design, from which he graduated in 1923. While there he was awarded an honor medal for his studies in jewelry designing.

In 1918, while continuing his studies during the evening, he obtained employment in a jewelry factory. Since then he worked in some of the leading jewelry concerns, rising to the position as general foreman. At present he is successfully engaged in business for

himself under the name of Marino Jewelry Company, Inc.

On September 22, 1924, Mr. Marino married Rachele Pannone of Natick, R. I. They became the parents of three children: 1. Joseph; 2. Esther; 3. Paul, Jr. Office: 939 Mineral Spring avenue, North Providence, R. I.

MARTUCCI, Pasquale F.,

D.C., D.Ph.T.

Born in Conca Campania, Province of Naples, Italy, May 21, 1893, the son of Antonio and Giovanna (Di Gasparre) Martucci. He was brought to the United States by his mother in 1902, to join his father in Natick. He attended the public schools of Natick, but at the age of thirteen was compelled to obtain work in the mill, devoting his evenings to the study of the English language under private instructors.

In 1918, Dr. Martucci entered the Peerless College of Chiropractic, in Chicago, graduating in 1921. He then took up a post graduate course at the National College of Chiropractic and National College of Drugless Physicians. He also took a special course of Iridiagnosis under the famous specialist, the late J. Haskel Kritzer, M.D., of Chicago.

Dr. Martucci is the first Italian in Rhode Island to have successfully performed bloodless surgery under the influence of optic or color anesthesia.

He began his active practice in Providence in 1922. In 1927 he was appointed by Governor Pothier, to the office of member of the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. He was reappointed by Governor Case in 1932.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements rendered the cause of Chiropractic in this State, on June 10, 1932, he was unanimously made life

member of the Chiropractic Society of Rhode Island.

Dr. Martucci takes an active part in the civic, social and fraternal affairs in the town of Smithfield.

Dr. Martucci married in 1916. He is the father of two children: 1. Anthony J.; 2. Edward L. Office: 511 Westminster street, Providence, R. I.

MIGNONE, Ettore A.

Insurance underwriter; born in Naples, Italy, January 1, 1886, the son of Giuseppe and Carmela (Tarantino) Mignone, also natives of Naples.

He attended the public schools and gymnasium of Naples until the age of 17, at which time he immigrated to the United States, settling in Providence. On arrival in Providence, he began his career in local jewelry factories and in the evening he studied the English language in the public schools. For nearly thirty years he has been identified with life insurance business, in which field he has demonstrated marked ability and holds a high place as an insurance underwriter.

On December 11, 1911, Mr. Mignone married Ruby Antonetta Granata. They became the parents of three children: 1. Tullio, proprietor of a filling station; 2. Albert, a Brown graduate, engaged as an electrical engineer; 3. Robert, an honor student at Brown University, where he majored in literature, graduating with the degree of A.B., in June, 1940.

MANCINI, Ursula

A leader in young Italo-American women's fraternal activities; born in Toro e Picilli, Province of Naples, Italy, the daughter of Antonio and Angelina (Landi) Mancini, who were born respectively, at Tora e Picilli, and Prata Sannita, Italy.

At the age of four she was brought

to the United States by her parents, who settled in Providence. After graduating from Esek Hopkins Junior High School, she began to work as a saleslady in a dry goods store.

At 17 she became charter member and Venerable of Loggia Beatrice Portinari, Order Sons of Italy, the first organization of young Italo-American women in the North End section. She has held the office of Venerable continuously ever since it was organized.

An indefatigable and intelligent young woman, Miss Mancini is recognized as a leader in the promotion of educational, patriotic, social, civic and fraternal activities among young women of Italian extraction in the North End section.

MILETTA, Giuseppe Antonio

Businessman; born in Brognatura, Province of Catanzaro, Italy, February 9, 1884, the son of Angelo and Teresina (Carello) Miletta, also natives of the same town. His father, who came to Providence in 1885 and returned to Italy in 1904, was one of the earliest immigrants from Calabria to settle on Federal Hill.

Young Miletta began to work as a miller from a very early age. In 1905 he immigrated to the United States, settling in Chicago, where he obtained employment as a track laborer. In 1906 he proceeded to Providence, where, young Miletta, an ambitious young man, determined to make a future for himself. In Providence he worked on various jobs, including foreman of stone cutters and curb setters for the city highway department.

In 1924 he established his own grocery store on Bond street, serving the people of his neighborhood with the highest grade of products.

He is a charter member and for the past twelve years, treasurer of the

Calabrese Mutual Benefit Society of Providence.

On June 16, 1905, Mr. Miletta married in Italy, Teresina Rosi. They became the parents of four children: 1. Domenico; 2. Cosimo; 3. Angelo; 4. Rosina. Business address: 29 Bond street, Providence, R. I.

MONTE, Frank

Jeweler; born in Foria d'Ischia, Island of Ischia, Province of Naples, Italy, January 28, 1887, the son of Luigi and Teresa (Iodice) Monte. His father, Chev. Luigi Monte, deceased, was a well known lawyer of Ischia.

Frank Monte attended the public schools of his native town and, following the completion of his studies at the Gymnasium and Lyceum Vittorio Emanuele in Naples, enrolled at the Nautical School at Procida, where he studied for three years.

He immigrated to the United States in 1907, settling in Providence. Upon arriving here he obtained employment in local jewelry factories, becoming an experienced jeweler and subsequently rose to the position of foreman.

He is a charter member, past president and honorary member of the Verdi M. F. S. Club.

On June 2, 1913, Mr. Monte married Teresa Colangelo, a native of Vasto, Province of Chieti, Italy. They became the parents of two children: 1. Louis Frank Monte, a graduate of R. I. State College, at present engaged as an accountant; 2. Philip Henry Monte, a student at R. I. State College, majoring in agriculture and prominent in college musical activities.

MONTANARO, Serafino

General contractor; born in Francavilla Fontana, in the former Province of Lecce, Italy, March 21, 1883, the son of Antonio and Adolorata (Faggiani) Montanaro.

He attended the public schools and the Lyceum of his native town. Immediately after leaving school he began to learn the carpentering and cabinet making trade from his father, a man who was known as a skilled artisan and contractor. He worked at his trade until he immigrated to the United States in 1906, settling in Providence.

Arriving in Providence, he at once engaged in the contracting business. He is a well known and a reliable builder. The great number of houses that he has built are scattered throughout Providence and vicinity. At present he is engaged as inspector of construction, in the employ of the city of Providence.

For many years he was prominent in the activities of the Italo-American Club.

On September 2, 1906, Mr. Montanaro married in Italy, Concetta Sardiello. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Mary, a school teacher; 2. Anna a bookkeeper; 3. Anthony, a graduate of R. I. State College and the M. I. T., at present engaged as a chemist at the State House. 4. Gilda, a cashier at the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Office: 188 Progress avenue, Providence, R. I.

MARIANI, Valentino H.

Funeral director, civic worker and former public official; born in Providence, January 24, 1895, the son of Antonio A. Mariani and Giovannina (Cardarelli) Mariani, both natives of Fontegreca, Province of Campobasso, Italy. Mr. Mariani's parents were among the earliest Italian settlers in the North End section.

Mr. Mariani was educated in the local public schools. At the age of nine he was sent to Italy, where he attended a private school at Isernia. Upon his return from Italy he continued his edu-

cation here, attended the Technical High School, from which he graduated in 1914; thereafter, for four years, he studied at Rhode Island State College, where he took up a course in civil engineering.

Since the death of his father, twenty years ago, he has continued the business of funeral director. He has faithfully followed the principles of fair dealing and courteous service established by his father. It is now one of the best and largest established concerns in the city.

A young man of education and ability, in 1926, Mr. Mariani was elected alderman of the North End section, serving for one term with eminent satisfaction.

Active in church work Mr. Mariani besides being a former trustee of St. Ann's Church, has also donated a yearly scholarship to St. Ann's Parochial school. He holds honorary membership in the Stella d'Italia, order Sons of Italy and Umberto II Society. He is a past district deputy of St. Anthony Council of Knights of Columbus. His other social, fraternal and civic affiliations include the Republican Club of Rhode Island, 4th Ward Republican Club, Aurora Club, Italo-American Club, St. Maria dei Cipressi, Abruzzi e Molise Society and other organizations.

Mr. Mariani's office is at 593 Charles street, Providence, R. I.

MIGLIACCIO, Nicholas G.- D.M.D.

Born in Providence, December 8, 1906, the son of Giuseppe and Loretta (Di Maio) Migliaccio, both natives of Forio d'Ischia, Italy.

He attended the local public schools and Cranston High School, from which he graduated in 1928; he then entered the Rhode Island State College, from which he graduated with the degree of

Bachelor of Sciences in 1932; subsequently he attended Harvard Dental School, from which he graduated with the degree of D.M.D. in 1936. He served six months of internship at Worcester State Hospital, and fifteen months of internship at the Rhode Island Hospital.

Dr. Migliaccio has been engaged in the practice of dentistry since October, 1937.

On July 12, 1939, Dr. Migliaccio married Anna Armstrong of Providence. Office: 401 Broadway, Providence, R. I.

MIGLIORI, Giuseppe

Manufacturing jeweler; born in Castro dei Volsci, Province of Frosinone, Italy, November 27, 1895, the son of Luigi and Rosaria (De Angelis) Migliori, both natives of the same town.

In 1907, at the age of 11, he came to the United States to join his parents in Providence. He received his education first in his native town, afterwards in the public schools of Providence. At fifteen he began his apprenticeship in the jewelry concern of Messler & Company, and then he worked as a jeweler for Ostby & Barton, and later for Schreiber & Company.

At the start of the World War, Mr. Migliori went back to Italy and joined the Royal Italian Army. He was first assigned to the 10th Regiment of Infantry, with which he served thirteen months. Later he was transferred to the 6th Company of motorists engineers, with which he served until honorably discharged in 1919. For his gallantry displayed at the front, he was awarded a war cross.

Following his return to Providence in March, 1920, he started an automobile repair shop on Knight street, remaining there until the end of 1922. From 1922 to 1931 he worked for Raffaele De Angelis, during which

period he also constructed the plant of his laboratory. Resuming the jewelry trade he was successively employed with Cohn & Rosenberg and R. I. Jewelry Company, and followed it until he opened his own business under the name of Rainbow Jewelry Company, manufacturing channel, costume and rhinestone jewelries.

Prominently identified with numerous fraternal, social and religious organizations, Mr. Migliori is President of the Italian War Veterans Association of the City of Cranston; member of the Church Committee of St. Mary Della Civita in Cranston.

On September 24, 1927, Mr. Migliori married Anna Cardi, a native of Cranston. They are the parents of two children: 1. Giulio Cesare; 2. Anna Maria.

Mr. Migliori's office is at 185 Eddy street, Providence, R. I. Mr. and Mrs. Migliori reside at 1707 Cranston street, Cranston, R. I.

MOLLO, Aurelio

Businessman; born in San Giovanni Incarico, Province of Frosinone, Italy, August 13, 1891, the son of Nicola and Maria Luisa (Marsella) Mollo. Educated in his native town. Served as musician with the 82nd Regiment of Infantry, later transferred as clerk to the military office at Florence. Honorably discharged in November, 1913. Immigrated to Providence in 1914. For twenty years worked as grocery salesman for G. B. Monachetti. Since May, 1939, engaged in business for himself under the name of Rhode Island Specialty Company. Married (first), Santina Torti, 1918. Deceased, 1935. Children: 1. Mrs. Maria Luisa Lepore; 2. Giovanni Nicola. Married (second), Rose di Battista, 1938. Member of St. Giovanni Battista Society of San Giovanni Incarico, Circolo San Giovannese, United Commercial

Traveler Club and Lodge Dante Alighieri, Order Sons of Italy. Office: 385 Sharon street, Providence, R. I.

MARTINO, Giuseppe

Businessman; born in Teano, Province of Naples, Italy, October 9, 1894, the son of Alfonso and Giuseppina (Ferrieri) Martino, who were born respectively, at Teano, and at Roccamonfina, Italy.

He attended the local public schools, and at the age of seven he was brought to the United States by his aunt, to join his parents in Providence.

After attending school, he started life at the age of thirteen, blacking stoves at Barstow Stove Company. He advanced very rapidly rising to the position of stove inspector. His next job was as manager of the furniture store of Lyon A. Marcus on Atwells avenue. In 1922 he went into the furniture business for himself and has continued this venture uninterruptedly in the Broadway section. His furniture business is carried on under the name of Boston Wholesale Furniture Company.

Mr. Martino's fraternal, civic and social affiliations include the 6th Ward Italian Independent Club, Young Italian Imperial Club, Johnston Gun and Rod Club, and Lodge Giosue Carducci, Order Sons of Italy.

On June 22, 1913, Mr. Martino married Alfonsina Spina, a native of Prata Sannita, Italy. They are the parents of six children: 1. Alfonso; 2. Egidio; 3. Ruggiero; 4. Fioravante; 5. Anna; 6. Giuseppe.

Mr. Martino's Boston Wholesale Furniture Company is at 640 Broadway, Providence, R. I.

McKENDALL, Frank D.

Head of this branch of the family in Rhode Island, one of the earliest immigrants from Fontegreca, Italy.

Chairman of Lincoln Trust Company, President of Frank D. McKendall Lumber Company, and one of the outstanding builders of the Italo-American communities during the country's greatest era of industrial expansion and immigration boom. See Page 19, First Edition, *Italo-Americans of Rhode Island*, 1936.

MARROCCO, Nellie M.



NELLIE M. MARROCCO

Prominent in social welfare movement and one of the best known Italo American women in Rhode Island; born in Providence, the daughter of Giacinto and Raffaella (Rizzo) Pastilli, who were born respectively, at Montagano, Province of Campobasso, Italy, and at Calvello, Province of Potenza, Italy. Her father is one of the earliest Italian settlers in Providence.

Mrs. Marrocco was educated in the local public schools, Technical High School and also took special courses at Brown University.

In the field of Italo-American

women's educational work and in the promotion of social welfare among her people she has long been very active, rendering important services to the community. She was a charter member and for many years secretary of the Mount Pleasant Parent-Teachers Association. In 1921 she organized the Girls Scouts Federal Hill House, and in 1928 she organized a similar organization at the George J. West School. She was the first woman of Italian extraction to become interested in Girls Scouts movement in Rhode Island. She organized the Jr. Progressive League in 1927. In 1931 she won State-wide attention by founding the Rhode Island Council of Italian Women. She was a conference member of Family Welfare Society, 1931-38. She is chairman of Mt. Pleasant Division Volunteers of the Providence Jr. League. In addition to the many educational, social welfare and civic activities, she was Vice-president of Quinsnickt Writers, 1939-40, and for a while wrote weekly columns for the Italian Echo on subjects of interest to women.

On September 11, 1909, Mrs. Marrocco married Salvatore Marrocco, a native of Pietravairano, Italy. Mr. Marrocco is a son of Achille and Teresa (Marino) Marrocco. Mr. and Mrs. Marrocco are the parents of three children: 1. Mrs. Evelyn Impagliazzo; 2. Jesselyn; 3. Ronald. Home: 174 Roanoke street, Providence, R. I.

MAURO, Edmund M.

Businessman and State official; born in Paterson, N. J., July 9, 1899, the son of Giuseppe and Matilde (Fiorentini) Mauro.

He was educated in the public schools of Providence, attended the Technical High School and then entered the Morris Heights Preparatory School, graduating in 1917.

He was first employed with the

George H. Fuller Company of New York City, where he acquired the early training for the building construction business. In the meantime, he spent one year at Columbia University, where he took up a course in engineering.

The years of experience with the George H. Fuller Company, combined with his studies in engineering at Columbia University, gave Mr. Mauro the foundation with which to build a business for himself, and in 1925, he founded and organized in Providence the building construction business, known as the Mauro Construction Company, Inc., of which he is President and Treasurer.

Mr. Mauro is widely known as a very able and successful businessman, enjoys a high reputation for fair dealing, takes a very active part in civic, fraternal and social affairs, and indeed, in every respect represents the highest type of useful and public-spirited citizenship.

On June 8, 1939, His Excellency, Governor William H. Vanderbilt appointed Mr. Mauro a member of the State Board of Parole.

Mr. Mauro is a charter member of the Aurora Club.

On September 5, 1929, Mr. Mauro married Zelia Emilia Tortolani, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tortolani. They are the parents of two children: 1. Roberta Elsa; 2. Edmund M., Jr. Office: 601 Turks Head Building, Providence, R. I.

MARCELLO, Matteo Thomas

Prominent wholesale grocer and importer, State official and a leader among Italo-American business men; born in Caianello, Province of Naples, Italy, March 14, 1894, the son of Antonio and Margherita (Piccirillo) Marcello, who were born respectively, at Caianello, and Teano, Italy.



M. THOMAS MARCELLO

He attended the public schools of his native town, but when a lad of twelve he was brought to the United States by his parents, who settled in Cranston. Starting life as an immigrant boy, Mr. Marcello had risen through various employment, to the position of building contractor, a business which he started at the age of seventeen. In 1919 he turned to the wholesale grocery, provisions and importing business, establishing his new venture under the name of M. Thomas Marcello, whole sale dealer in beef, eggs, groceries, provisions, and importer of olive oil. High standards of business dealing, products of the finest quality and effective service on the part of trained and competent employes, are largely due to the efforts of Mr. Marcello. His extensive and growing enterprise makes him one of the most widely known Italo-American business men in Rhode Island.

A generous man and active in Italo-American civic and social affairs, in 1934 he was elected councilman from the 5th Ward of the City of Cranston, and re-elected in 1936, serving until

1938. In 1938 he was elected Representative from the 5th Representative district of the City of Cranston. A public servant of integrity and ability, he is a member of many important committees, including the Agriculture and Mechanic Arts committee.

Mr. Marcello is President of the Silver Lake Loan & Investment Company.

His business, fraternal and social affiliations include the Italian Chamber of Commerce of New England, the Elks, Aurora Club, Italo-American Club and Unitas Catholic Club.

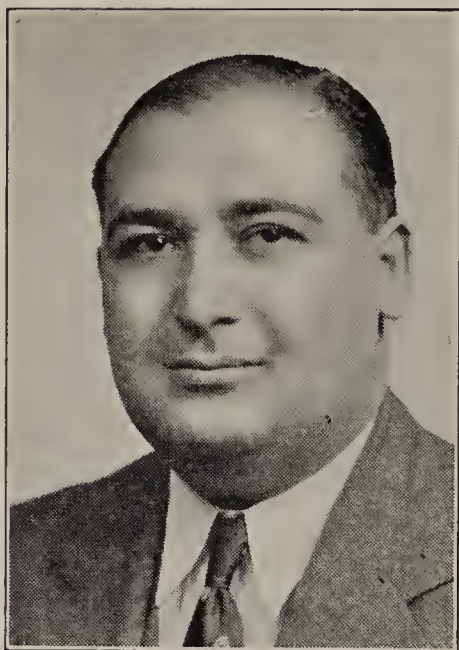
In 1921, Mr. Marcello married Anna Indeglia, a native of Providence. They are the parents of four children: 1. Mrs. Olga Margherita Toppa, wife of John M. Toppa, a well-known contractor of Newport, R. I.; 2. Mathew Thomas, Jr., a student; 3. Anthony Claudio, a student; 4. Anna Marie, a student. Home: 183 Heather street, Cranston, R. I. Business address: 375 Canal street, Providence, R. I.

MAINELLI, Joseph

Lawyer and public official. As a member of the Rhode Island bar and active in public affairs, Mr. Mainelli has spared no obstacles to develop the talents with which nature endowed him and has won his way to the top through hard work and consistent effort. For his achievements in these different fields, he is highly esteemed and respected.

Mr. Mainelli was born in Frosolone, Province of Campobasso, Italy, March 3, 1903, the son of Michele and Maria Carmina (Venditti) Mainelli.

At the age of three he was brought to Rhode Island by his parents who settled in Providence. He was educated in the Providence public schools and Technical High School. He studied law at the Northeastern University



JOSEPH MAINELLI

Law School, from which he graduated in 1933, with the degree of LL.B.

Having been admitted to the Rhode Island bar in May, 1934, he has since then been successfully engaged in the practice of law in Providence. On December 28, 1939, Mayor John F. Collins appointed Mr. Mainelli to the important post of Secretary of the Board of Canvassers and Registration of the City of Providence, an office which he fills with ability and tact.

He is also keenly interested in civic, social and fraternal affairs, covering a wide scope. His political alignment is with the Republican party, of whose policies and principles he is a staunch supporter. He is a member of the Rhode Island Bar Association, Frosolonese Club, Bradford Club and United Commercial Travelers of America.

On June 11, 1928, Mr. Mainelli married Anna Regine. They are the parents of two children: 1. Maria Carmina; 2. Michael Richard. Home: 197 Atwells avenue, Providence, R. I.

MIGLIACCIO, Anthony V., M.D.

The island of Ischia, in the Bay of Naples, Italy, is especially interesting to Rhode Islanders because of the great number of its people that have immigrated to Providence. Among the personalities who have emerged from this group is Dr. Anthony V. Migliaccio, American-born physician.

MAISANO, John

Businessman and one of the founders of the Italo-American community of Bristol; born in Scafati, Province of Salerno, Italy, August 21, 1876, the son of Aniello and Maria Carmina Caraturo Maisano, both natives of the same town.

After attending school in his native town, he learned the shoe-making trade. At the age of about sixteen years, he immigrated to the United States, settling in Bristol. Upon coming to Bristol, he obtained employment at the U. S. Rubber Company, where he remained until 1918, when he established himself independently in the grocery and news store business. As one of the earliest settlers of Italian origin and father of a large family, he made himself a figure of influence in Italo-American circles in Bristol, where the Maisanos are highly respected and widely known.

Mr. Maisano is one of the founders and member of the Lodge Principessa Elena, Order Sons of Italy.

On June 17, 1899, in his native town of Scafati, Italy, he married Anna Santa. They are the parents of thirteen children, all natives of Bristol and proud of their American citizenship:

1. Salvatore, in the gasoline business;
2. Anthony, in the gasoline business;
3. Carmine, a reporter for the Providence Journal and Evening Bulletin;
4. Mrs. Carmelina Proto;
5. Pasquale;
6. Mrs. Elizabeth Romano;
7. Wil-

liam; 8. Lucy; 9. Virginia; 10. Ella; 11. Aniello; 12. John; 13. Louis. Address: 467 Wood street, Bristol, R. I.

of two children: 1. Elizabeth Ann; 2. J. Edward Mariano, Jr. Home: 616 Mount Pleasant avenue. Office: 1199 Eddy street, Providence, R. I.

MARIANO, Joseph Edward

Jewelry manufacturer; born in Montagano, Province of Campobasso, Italy, November 20, 1890, the son of Giuseppe and Carmela Mariano, deceased, who were also natives of the same town. His parents with their small children immigrated to the United States in 1891, settling in Providence, and here the Mariano family have made their home ever since.

Joseph Edward Mariano attended the Providence public schools and Classical High school. At the age of fourteen he became an apprentice in a jewelry factory. After completing his apprenticeship he followed his trade in different leading jewelry concerns during a number of years. An exceedingly ambitious young man, anxious to engage in business on his own account, in 1916 he associated himself with the Progressive Ring Company. He remained there for twelve years. In 1928 he started the Barker & Barker Mfg. Co., makers of fine sterling silver jewelry and novelties, of which concern he is President and Treasurer. Mr. Mariano is not only a skilled jeweler, but also a most able business man. His progressive ideas are in a large measure responsible for the rapid growth of his concern.

Mr. Mariano is a well-known figure in business, patriotic and social circles. He is one of the original founders of the Rhode Island Boys Scouts of America, which was organized in 1910. He has been an active member of the Italo American Club of Rhode Island since 1908.

On August 20, 1934, Mr. Mariano married Amelia Del Sesto, a native of Providence. They are the parents

NANI, Albert E.

Furniture salesman and well known fraternal worker; born in Isernia, Province of Campobasso, Italy, April 10, 1888, the son of Licinio and Chiarina (D'Alfonso) Nani, who were born respectively, at Isernia and at Scapoli, Italy.

He attended the public schools of Isernia and the private school of Seminario of Montecassino, but the premature death of his father cut short his ambition to acquire a thorough education. At the age of thirteen he immigrated to the United States, settling in Providence. Upon arriving here, he went to work in a jewelry factory, remaining there a number of years. He then entered the employ of the United Electric Railways, first as a motorman and later becoming an inspector. In 1927 he went to work as salesman for the Outlet Company, in the furniture department. In his line of work he has been eminently successful from the very outset, with the result that he ranks high among outstanding furniture salesmen and has now the confidence of his superiors.

A man of many activities, Mr. Nani is a member of Lodge Riunite of North End, Order Sons of Italy; Society Umberto II, No. 2; the Elks.

Mr. Nani married first, in 1916, Elvira Mascio. His first wife died in 1936. Mr. Nani married the second time on April 28, 1938, Luisa Ferrucci. Mr. Nani is the father of the following children by his first marriage: 1. Ines; 2. Lola; 3. Emma; 4. Albert, Jr.; 5. Ronald; 6. Roger. Home: 89 Paul street, Providence, R. I.

NANI, Henry E.

Jewelry superintendent; born in Isernia, Province of Campobasso, Italy, August 25, 1894, the son of Licinio and Chiarina (D'Alfonso) Nani, who were born respectively, at Isernia, and at Scapoli, Italy.

He was brought to the United States by his mother when only seven years old, settling in Providence. After graduating from the Branch avenue grammar school, he served his apprenticeship in a jewelry factory, and later worked as a skilled jeweler with various concerns. During the World War Mr. Nani enlisted in the United States Navy, serving overseas, assigned to transport duty. He was honorably discharged in October, 1919. Following his return to civilian life he resumed his occupation in the jewelry factory. After serving in practically all the many departments of the jewelry trade, in 1925 he became superintendent of the Progressive Ring Company, jewelry manufacturers, rising to his present responsible position through sheer intelligence and ability. The company during the busy season employs over 350 employees.

Highly regarded in jewelry circles, Mr. Nani is also active in social and fraternal affairs. He is a member of the American Legion and of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

On June 14, 1921, Mr. Nani married Anna Maria Colicci, a native of Providence. They are the parents of five children: 1. Claire; 2. Henry Jr.; 3. Richard; 4. David; 5. Donald. Home: 163 Modena avenue, Providence, R. I.

OTTAVIANO, James

Public official; born in North Providence, January 19, 1902, the son of Giovanni Giuseppe and Angela (Iannuccilli), who were born respectively, at Ciorlano, and Valle Agricola,

in the former Province of Caserta, Italy.

After attending the local public schools and Manton Evening High School, he enlisted in the U. S. Navy, serving at Gulfport, Mississippi, and was honorably discharged in 1918. Upon his return to Rhode Island he became a construction mechanic and followed this trade until his entrance into the political field. In 1932 his popularity culminated in his appointment as Director of Public Aid in the Town of North Providence. He resigned in 1935 in order to accept the appointment of Relief Administrator and Director of WPA of North Providence.

Under the name of James Penny he has been very active as a baseball player, winning a number of prizes.

On June 27, 1936, Mr. Ottaviano married Irma Maiani of Boston, formerly a school teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Ottaviano maintain their home at 5 Emanuel street, Lymanville, in the Town of North Providence, R. I.

ODDO, Vincent J., M.D.

Born in Bisacquino, Province of Palermo, Italy, February 13, 1891, the son of Gaspare and Rosalia Fulco Oddo.

At the age of four he was brought to the United States by his parents. He attended the public schools of New York City, North Adams and Holyoke, Mass., graduating from the Holyoke High School in 1912. He then entered the University of Maryland School of Medicine, from which he graduated with the degree of M.D., in 1916. Following his internship at Mercy Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, he successfully passed the medical examination in Maryland, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Dr. Oddo came to Providence in

1917 and immediately began practice of his profession.

While engaged in medical practice, he took up a post graduate course in urology at the N. Y. University in 1928, and at Harvard Medical School in 1929.

In 1918, Dr. Oddo became associated with St. Joseph's Hospital, and when a new department of urology was established, he was appointed assistant urological surgeon. He was later appointed Chief Urological Surgeon in 1920, and Director of the Department of Urology in January, 1936. He is also on the visiting staff of the Homeopathic and Miriam Hospitals; consultant urologist at Charles V. Chapin Hospital, Notre Dame Hospital of Central Falls, the Hospital for Mental Diseases at the State Infirmary at Howard, and Westerly General Hospital.

Dr. Oddo served as member of the School Committee, during 1922-23; he was appointed medical examiner for the District of Providence in January, 1933.

Dr. Oddo is a member of the Providence Medical Society; R. I. Medical Society; Fellow of the American Medical Association; member of the Malpighi Medical Club and the American Society of Regional Anesthesia. He is also a member of the Aurora Club.

On October 6, 1918, Dr. Oddo married Carmelina M. Martino of Providence. They are the parents of three children: 1. Rosalia; 2. Vincent, Jr.; 3. Salvatore. Office: 322 Broadway. (From the 1936 Edition.)

POLICASTRI, Eugenio

Businessman and veteran of the World War; born in Corigliano Calabro, Province of Cosenza, Italy, November 11, 1888, the son of Paolo and Chiara (Galanti) Policastri.

He attended the public schools of his native town until the age of 12, at which time he was brought to the United States by his parents, making their home in New York City. Upon arriving there he learned the tailoring trade and designing, and studied English in the evening public schools. In 1914 he removed to Providence where he obtained employment as a tailor and designer.

During the World War he enlisted in his adopted country's cause, being assigned to the 76th Regiment of Infantry, with which he saw active service in France, taking part in a number of engagements in the Metz sector. He was honorably discharged in September, 1919.

Upon his return to America he established a high grade tailor shop of his own, where fine clothes for gentlemen and custom made uniforms are made.

He is a member of the Lafayette Lodge of Masons of New York; El Sole di Cuba Lodge of New York; Court Carlo Alberto, Foresters of America of New York.

Mr. Policastri married twice. His first wife was Carmela (Rosa) Policastri. She died in 1926. His second marriage was to Maria Saulini Policastri. He is the father of four children: 1. Antonietta, a clerk in the Providence Public Library; 2. Paolo; 3. Egidio; 4. Diana. Address: 46 Home avenue, Providence, R. I.

PONTARELLI, Mary C.

Teacher; born in Providence, the daughter of Giuseppe and Delfina (Montepara) Pontarelli, both natives of Rocchetta al Volturno, Province of Campobasso, Italy.

She attended the local public schools and graduated from Technical High School in 1928. Thence she entered the Rhode Island College of Educa-

tion, from which she graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Education in 1932. While at R. I. College of Education she was a member of the Italian Club and Art Club.

Miss Pontarelli began teaching as a student teacher in 1932 and received an appointment as permanent teacher in 1935. She is listed as pre-vocational teacher at Kenyon street school.

PETRUCCI, Emilio R.

Superintendent, born in Providence, January 8, 1908, the son of Luciano and Louise (Rampini) Petrucci, both natives of San Giovanni Incarico, Italy. He received his early education in the local public schools, graduating from Bridgham Grammar School. After leaving school, he worked in various jewelry factories, where he learned the jewelry trade. He next spent twelve years with the Sumner Manufacturing Company, as foreman, going thence to Blacher Brothers as superintendent. Blacher Brothers is one of the largest manufacturing concerns of its kind in Rhode Island. He is deeply interested in civic, social and fraternal activities. Some few years ago, Mr. Petrucci married Anna Tarentino of Providence. They became the parents of one child: Emilio, Jr. Home: 73 Tell street, Providence, R. I.

PENNINE, Saverio N., D.M.D. M.D.

Born in Venafrò, Province of Campobasso, Italy, September 15, 1890, the son of Antonio and Giocondina (Borrelli) Pennine, who were born respectively at Capua, Province of Naples, and at Venafrò, Province of Campobasso, Italy. His father was a veterinary surgeon. At the age of 5 he was brought to the United States by his parents, who settled in Providence.

After completing his education in



DR. S. N. PENNINE

the public schools, La Salle Academy, Max Wagner Business College and Child's Commercial College, he entered the employ of the National Cash Register Company and worked for that firm for ten years as head book-keeper and stenographer. In 1915 he attended Tuft's Dental College, from which he graduated in January, 1918.

In 1921 he entered the Kansas City College of Medicine and Surgery, receiving his M.D. degree the following year. He then resumed the practice of dentistry here and in 1927 enrolled at the Massachusetts College of Osteopathy in Boston, from which institution he received his B.C. degree in 1928.

Dr. Pennine is the founder and President of the New England College of Podiatry. He enlisted in the U. S. Army Medical Reserve Corps in 1918, rising in 1936 to the rank of Major and at present is a member of the Reserve Corps examining board here.

Dr. Pennine's civic, social and fraternal affiliations include the Elks, Town Criers and other organizations.

In January, 1940, he was made an honorary sheriff by High Sheriff, John H. Kelley, in recognition of his contributions to many civic activities.

On April 26, 1911, Dr. Pennine married Ella De Courcey, of Providence. They are the parents of six children: 1. Eleanor; 2. Edna; 3. William; 4. Ernestine; 5. Virginia; 6. Edward. Office: 118 Empire street, Providence, R. I.

PEZZULLO, Joseph

Manufacturing jeweler; born in Providence, October 14, 1894, the son of Angelico and Domenica (Petracca) Pezzullo, both natives of Valle Agricola, Province of Benevento, Italy.

He attended the Providence public schools, English High School, Rhode Island School of Design and Rhode Island Commercial School. He then entered the carpenter's trade under his father, an experienced contractor. Later he became his father's partner in the contracting business. In 1933 he organized the Star Novelty Company, Inc., makers of fine jewelry, of which concern he became its treasurer.

An influential citizen of the Town of Johnston, in November, 1936, he was elected its Representative, serving until 1938. He was very active in the discharge of his office, serving in the educational and welfare committees.

He is a member of St. Maria di Prata Club and St. Ann Society.

On August 19, 1916, Mr. Pezzullo married Theresa De Sisto, a native of Johnston. They became the parents of eight children: 1. Elizabeth; 2. Angelico; 3. Joseph, deceased; 4. Raymond; 5. Rose; 6. Achille; 7. Edmund; 8. Rita. Office: 101 Sabin street, Providence, R. I.

PASTORE, John O.

Lawyer; born in Providence, March 17, 1907, the son of Michele and Erminia (Asprinio) Pastore, who were born respectively, at Sant' Arcangelo, Providence of Potenza, and Teano, Province of Naples, Italy.

He attended the local public schools, Classical High School, 1925; North-eastern University Law School, LL.B., 1931. He was admitted to the Rhode Island bar in May, 1932, and immediately afterwards he engaged in the active practice of law.

Deeply interested in public affairs, Mr. Pastore came into political prominence in 1934, when he was elected to the House of Representatives, serving in 1935, 1936 and 1937. In June, 1937, he was appointed by Attorney General John P. Hartigan to the post of Assistant Attorney General of the State of Rhode Island, an office which he filled very efficiently until December, 1938. In 1939 he was made a member of the important Providence Charter Revision Commission.

Mr. Pastore is a member of both the American Bar Association and Rhode Island Bar Association. He is President of the Italo-American Club of Rhode Island. Office: 49 Westminster street, Providence, R. I.

PASTORE, George A.

Manufacturing jeweler; born in Sant' Arcangelo, Province of Potenza, Italy, March 19, 1897, the son of Giambattista and Teresa (Scardaccione) Pastore. He came to the United States in 1905. After attending the local public schools, at the age of fifteen he became a jewelry tool making apprentice. He followed this trade until he went into the jewelry tool making business for himself. In 1928 he also added to his business jewelry manufacturing, specializing in men's jewelries,

employing in his concern some twenty-five people.

In 1919, Mr. Pastore married Emilia Rosati. Children: 1. George, Jr.; 2. Anita; 3. Dolores; 4. Edward.

Office: 46 Chestnut street, Providence, R. I.

PAOLISSO, John A.

Businessman and prominent in fraternal societies; born in Riardo, Province of Naples, Italy, the son of Stefano and Giovannina (Regna) Paolisso. His father was employed as an agent of Prince Gira of Naples. When he was two years old the family moved to Pietravairano.

He attended the public schools of Pietravairano, and in the meantime learned the tailor's trade. At the age of twenty he was called to serve the Royal Italian Army, assigned to the 76th Regiment of Infantry, remaining there until his honorable discharge with the rank of corporal major in 1896.

Immediately following his discharge from the army in 1896, he immigrated to the United States, settling in Providence. For the first few years he worked as a tailor in many leading shops. In 1909 he established his own tailor shop, which business he has conducted for over thirty years.

Mr. Paolisso is a past chief ranger of Court Florence, Foresters of America; President of Nuova Firenze Society; Assistant Venerable of Lodge Italia, Order Sons of Italy.

On June 16, 1901, Mr. Paolisso married Maria De Mitri. They are the parents of four children: 1. Mrs. Jennie Sammartino; 2. Louis, a jeweler; 3. Americo, a designer; 4. Mrs. Evelyn Gemma. Home: 72 Bradford street, Providence, R. I.

PATERRA, Alfredo Armando

Businessman; born in Rome, Italy, September 12, 1886, the son of Giovanni and Serafina (Paoletti) Pattera. His father was a native of Palena, Province of Chieti, Italy. His mother is a native of Rome.

After completing the primary grades of the public schools of Rome, he spent three years at the Technical School and two years at the Technical Institute. Later, he served apprenticeship in designing and tailoring in Rome.

In 1905 he immigrated to the United States, settling in Providence. Upon arriving here he obtained employment as designer and tailor for B. F. Keith and Albee theatres, remaining there for sixteen years. During the World War he served as special investigator for the U. S. government. From 1935 to 1937 he served as clerk in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Rhode Island. From 1938 to 1939 he served as assistant caretaker and general stock clerk for State park supplies at Goddard Park. At present he is engaged in the tailoring business.

On October 14, 1907, Mr. Pattera married Lucia Toppi, a native of Palena, Italy. His wife is a founder and member of the Rhode Island Council of Italian Women.

Mr. and Mrs. Pattera are the parents of four children: 1. John, an examiner of driving licenses, Motor Vehicles Division, State House; 2. Mrs. Elena Russillo; 3. Angela, a clerk in the Providence Public Schools; 4. Anna, employed for the General Motors Corp. Home: 2 Pemberton street, Providence, R. I.

PERRI, Domenic J.

Treasurer American Guaranty Corporation; born in Catanzaro, Italy, October 21, 1898, the son of Giovanni and Maria (Scalza) Perri; graduated from Technical High School,

Providence, 1916; student Massachusetts Institute Technology, 1918-19; married (first), Ethel Ella Work, of Providence, October 22, 1928, (deceased); one daughter, Mary Lou; married second time, Olga Lancellotti, of Providence, September 25, 1939. Began as bond salesman, 1919; organized, 1920, and since, treasurer, director and general manager, American Guaranty Corporation; treasurer, director and general manager, United Guaranty Corporation; vice-president, Berkshire Acceptance Corporation, 1931-32, president, since 1933. Enlisted as private U. S. Army, Sept. 1918; honorably discharged, Dec. 1918. Secretary, Federal Hill House; president, Aurora Club of R. I. Home: 35 Elmcrest avenue. Office: 10 Weybosset street, Providence, R. I.

PERROTTA, Paul Christopher,
O.P.

College professor and religious leader; born in Cervinara, Province of Avellino, Italy, August 25, 1898, the son of Antonio and Madeline (Milanese) Perrotta. In 1903, when a small boy, he was brought to the United States by his parents who settled in New York City.

Following his preliminary and classical education in New York City in 1922, he matriculated at Catholic University, Washington, from which he received the degree of Master of Arts. In 1926 he obtained the Doctorate of Philosophy from Catholic University. On June 24, 1926, he was elevated to the priesthood.

In 1927 he was assigned to Providence College as instructor in history. He also acted as curate in St. Raymond's Church, Providence.

He went to Rome in 1928, where he studied advanced theology, including paleography and diplomatics.

In 1929, at the invitation of the

U. S. government, he was engaged in historical research work in Italian archives bearing to American history. On his return to the United States in 1930, he taught for one year moral theology in St. Joseph's Seminary, Somerset, Ohio. In 1931, he was reappointed to Providence College, where he is still serving in the department of Philosophy.

PROVIDENCE CUTLERY
COMPANY, The

Is a local concern owned and managed by Nicola Amorosi, a well-known cutler. Mr. Amorosi was born in Frosolone, Italy, August 26, 1895, the son of Felice and Filomena (De Biase) Amorosi. After attending the public schools of his native towns, he served apprenticeship in the cutlery trade under his father. In 1913 he immigrated to the United States as an experienced cutler. He worked in Winsted and New Britain, Conn., before settling in Providence in 1919. Here he worked in various knife factories until 1923 when he started his own factory under the name of Providence Cutlery Company, specializing in pocket knives, and employing at present 25 employees.

Mr. Amorosi is a member of the Young Italian Imperial Club.

On June 20, 1927, Mr. Amorosi married Maria Catauro, American born. They are the parents of one child, Felice. Office: 153 Point street, Providence, R. I.

PLACCO, Oscar F.

Jewelry designer and modeler. A figure of prominence in manufacturing jewelry circles for many years, Oscar F. Placco, the able manager of the white metal department of Cohn & Rosenberg Company, has rendered services of decisive importance to the jewelry industry and his career has

been one of great distinction and success.

Mr. Placco was born in Torre Del Greco, a suburb of Naples, Italy, April 24, 1903, the son of Angelo Pasquale and Matilde (La Capra) Placco. His father was a well known lawyer of Naples.

Following his elementary and Technical High School education, he attended the Art School in Naples, where he studied designing and modeling, graduating in 1917.

After leaving school, he spent three years in the employ of a large jewelry establishment of Naples. Wishing to go abroad, he went to France, where he obtained important positions in Bordeaux and Marseilles. Two years later he went to San Domingo, where he worked on his art for two years. In 1923 he went to New York, where he was connected as a modeler with some of the principal jewelry companies. In 1931 he removed to Providence, in which city he fills the important position as manager of the white metal department of Cohn & Rosenberg Company, manufacturing jewelers, in which concern he has charge of over 450 employes.

Mr. Placco, a talented young artist, besides handling his department with much ability and to the entire satisfaction of his employer, has also won recognition as an inventor of various jewelry construction work.

Along with his activity in the jewelry circles, Mr. Placco finds time to devote much of his time to civic and social affairs. He is a member of the Aurora, Italo-American and Pawtucket Gun and Sporting Club.

In September, 1931, Mr. Placco married Olga Nasti of New York. They are the parents of one child, Oscar, Jr. Home: 35 Philmont avenue, Cranston, R. I.

PALUMBO, Guglielmo

Proprietor of Capri Brand; born in Teano, Italy, June 3, 1890, the son of Antonio and Marianna (Fera) Palumbo.

He attended the public schools of his native town, and at the age of fifteen he immigrated to the United States, settling in Providence. Upon his arrival here, he became a wage earner first as a mule spinner at the Atlantic Mills, and then in 1915 he went to work at Brown & Sharpe, Mfg. Co., employed as a gear grinder, in which he demonstrated his ability. He won rapid promotion, and in a few years he became foreman.

Some few years ago, Mr. Palumbo and a few other enterprising Italo-Americans got together and organized the Capri Macaroni Company at 470 West Exchange street, a concern manufacturing the highest grade of macaroni and spaghetti. In March, 1940, Mr. Palumbo bought out the concern and became its sole owner, doing business under the name of Capri Brand.

Mr. Palumbo, an enterprising and progressive citizen, is a member of the Society Maria Santissima Della Libera.

On January 24, 1914, Mr. Palumbo married (first), Amadista Mauriello. She died in 1918. He married the second time on December 7, 1919, Caterina Ferrucci, a native of Piccilli, Italy. Mr. and Mrs. Palumbo are the parents of four children: 1. Mary; 2. Armando; 3. Joseph; 4. Filomena.

PEDERZANI, Paul P.

Manager Metropolitan Life Insurance Company; born in Lynn, Mass., August 12, 1898, the son of Giacinto and Palma (Magoni) Pederzani. His parents were natives of Bologna, an important city in Northern Italy.

Possessing an inherent talent for or-

ganization and leadership, which has been amply demonstrated throughout his career, Paul P. Pederzani, prominently identified with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for many years, is held in high regard in insurance circles for his high character and his great business abilities.

Mr. Pederzani attended the public schools and High School of Plymouth, Mass. He then enrolled at Hawley School of Electrical Engineering in Boston, from which he graduated with the degree of electrical engineer in 1918.

During the World War, he enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps, serving at Quantico, Va.; Paoli, Pa.; and League Island, Pa.; and was honorably discharged in 1919.

Following his return to civilian life, he worked for himself in the electrical business in Plymouth, Mass., which he carried on until 1924, when he accepted a position as agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. In 1927 he was promoted to assistant manager, serving in Somerville, and in 1930 he was promoted to acting manager, serving first in Providence, and in 1931 in Fall River; in 1931 he was promoted to manager of the East Boston district in Boston; in 1937 he was promoted to manager of the Roger Williams district in Providence, a district almost twice as big as any of the districts heretofore managed by him.

Mr. Pederzani is a member of the Italo-American Club of Rhode Island.

On August 28, 1920, Mr. Pederzani married Ida A. Balboni. They are the parents of four children: 1. Emalene; 2. Paul, Jr.; 3. Kenneth C. W.; 4. Diane Louise. Home: 28 Observatory avenue, North Providence, R. I.

PALIZZA, Louis

Manufacturer; born in Filettino, Province of Frosinone, Italy, October 9, 1891, the son of Leonard and Vittoria Cunsolesi Palizza.

Mr. Palizza attended the public schools of his native town, and while still in his teens, came to these shores with his brother, Giuseppe Palizza, and both settled in Providence in 1906. Upon his arrival here he attended private schools. In 1909 he enrolled in the Washington Park College of Pharmacy, which a year later was absorbed by the Rhode Island College of Pharmacy, in which institution he specialized in pharmaceutical chemistry. He later entered the R. I. School of Design, graduating from the Textile Chemistry Department, in 1913. After his graduation he followed his profession in the employ of various Rhode Island establishments. For a while he worked as chief dye chemist for a large dye and chemical manufacturing company at Hastings on the Hudson. Returning to Providence, he had charge of a large dye plant in Pawtucket. He subsequently went to Hartford, Connecticut, where he started the dying department of H. E. Verran (Royal Society). In 1926 he again returned to Providence, at which time he organized and established the Leomar Processing Corporation, engaged in processing fine cotton, rayon, and woolen yarns for the embroidery and knitting trade.

Mr. Palizza is Treasurer, General manager and chemist of the Leomar Processing Corporation. The plant and offices of the company are at 14 Murray street, Providence, R. I.

Mr. Palizza is a member of the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorers.

On October 5, 1921, Mr. Palizza married Alba Vicari. They are the parents of two children: 1. Luigi R.;

2. Leonardo E. Home: 210 Eaton street, Providence, R. I.

PENNACCHIA, Joseph

Businessman and prominent in civic and fraternal affairs; born in Teano, Province of Naples, Italy, January 2, 1898, the son of Donato and Maddalena (Balasco) Pennacchia, also natives of the same town. When two years old he was brought to the United States by his mother, to join his father in Providence.

He attended the local public schools and Technical High School. At an early age he learned the bakery trade from his father, an experienced baker. When his father died in 1922, Joseph Pennacchia succeeded him as the owner of Pennacchia Bakery, the oldest among existing Italian bread bakers in Rhode Island. His bakery business has grown rapidly, and at the present time he owns one of the largest and most up-to-date establishments of its kind in the city. In addition to his business success, Mr. Pennacchia takes a leading part in social, fraternal and civic affairs. He is a member of the 13th Ward Republican Club, being Chairman of its Ways and Means Committee. He is also a member of San Paride Society.

On December 27, 1927, Mr. Pennacchia married Fortuna Galderisi, a native of Salerno, Italy. They are the parents of one child: Rita. Business address: 15 Ridge street, Providence, R. I.

PAVONE, Virginio J.

Proprietor of Pavone Sign Company, Neon Technician; born in Providence, June 25, 1913, the son of Carmine and Maria Pavone, both natives of Italy.

He attended the local public schools and Technical High School. He then

took up courses in engineering electronics at Brown University. After working as a Neon Technician for various sign companies, in 1936, he entered the sign making business for himself and successfully operates it under the name of Pavone Sign Company.

A finished artisan in the sign industry, Mr. Pavone is performing a most useful service in this field of endeavor. Although only a young man, he has already become a leader as a Neon Technician, specializing in the highest grade of signs, manufacturing, erecting and maintenance. Mr. Pavone's signs are shipped to all parts of the United States.

Mr. Pavone is Vice-president of the Pocasset Gun and Rod Club and President of the Narragansett Rifle and Revolver Club.

The plant of the Pavone Sign Company, one of the largest of its kind, is at 939 Manton avenue, Providence, R. I.

PETRONELLA, Anthony

Real estate accountant in the City Tax Department and sports writer; born in Providence, April 19, 1907, the son of Fedele and Edvige (Verrico) Petronella, both natives of Panni, Province of Foggia, Italy. His father was a well-known musician.

Anthony Petronella received his education in the local public schools, Classical High School and attended extension courses at Brown University.

Some years ago he began his duties with the Tax Department of the City of Providence. At the present time he is serving as a real estate accountant of the department.

In addition to his activities at the Providence City Hall, Mr. Petronella has had a wide reputation as a sports writer. He has written for many newspapers, including the Italian Echo and

the Ring Magazine, national publication on boxing. At the present time he is sports writer for the Italo-American Tribune.

For his activities and achievements in his different fields, Mr. Petronella is naturally widely known throughout the city and he is greatly liked by all classes of people.

Mr. Petronella is a member of the 13th Ward Democratic Club.

On February 8, 1934, Mr. Petronella married Maria Barra. They are the parents of two children: 1. Daniele Fedele; 2. Roberta.

PONTICELLI, Pasquale

Manager American Radio & Television Company; born in Providence, January 23, 1910, the son of Salvatore and Filomena (Gemma) Ponticelli.

He attended the local public schools and Central High School, from which he graduated in 1928. He then became an apprentice at the Ceco Manufacturing Company, under Fred Dieterle, radio engineer, now with the Radio Corporation of America, rising to the position of foreman. He remained there until the concern went out of business.

In 1933 he started his own business in the Knightsville section. From there he moved his business to the Silver Lake section. In March, 1940, he established his business at 170 Broadway, under the name of American Radio & Television Company, engaged in a complete radio, sound and television service. Mr. Ponticelli is recognized as an expert in his line of work.

On November 4, 1930, Mr. Ponticelli married Antonetta Manzi. They are the parents of four children: 1. Pasquale; 2. William; 3. Salvatore; 4. Robert. Office: 170 Broadway, Providence, R. I.

PICCHIONE, Nicholas



NICHOLAS PICCHIONE

Certified public accountant, was born in Providence, August 13, 1903. His father, Pasquale Picchione, was one of the first immigrants from Casacalenda, Province of Campobasso, Italy.

Mr. Picchione received his education in the Providence public schools being graduated from English High School. His college education and preparation for a profession was received at Boston University, Bentley School of Accounting and Finance, and Northeastern University School of Commerce and Finance, graduating from the latter two institutions. Later he attended Northeastern Law School and Rhode Island College of Education. Following the completion of his studies he entered immediately in the active practice of his profession in Providence.

Among the younger members of the Italo-American professional group of Providence, few men have made so notable a place for themselves in a comparatively short span of years as has Nicholas Picchione. He has been in the practice of accountancy for the

past sixteen years. He was formerly associated on the staff of Ward Fisher and Co. as a senior accountant and has been a lecturer and teacher of income taxes at Central Evening High School for seven years. He is at present Professor of accounting at Northeastern University Providence Division where he has taught for the last five years.

In spite of the extensive professional practice, he has found it possible to give both time and attention to social, civic and fraternal affairs. He is treasurer of the Aurora Club of Rhode Island. He is a fellow of the Rhode Island Society of Certified Public Accountants, a member of the American Institute of Accountants, a member of the National Association of Cost Accountants and a member of the American Accounting Association. He is also a member of the Roosevelt Lodge No. 43 F. & A. M., and Past Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of the State of Rhode Island.

Mr. Picchione married Lillian Baldoni. By this union there have been two children: 1. Everett; 2. Norma Cecelia. Office: 1230 Industrial Trust Building, Providence, R. I.

PANTALONE, Vincent

Business man; born in Teano, Province of Naples, Italy, August 8, 1897, the son of Giovanni and Grazia (De Maio) Pantalone. He received his education in the public schools of his native town. At the age of nine he was brought to Rhode Island by his parents, who settled in Providence. Arriving in Providence he attended the local elementary schools and Technical High School, graduating in 1917. He also attended the Rhode Island School of Design where he completed a course in water coloring.

After leaving school he started life as water colorer for Robbins & Company, Attleboro, remaining there for

three years. After various activities he decided to enter a business career. In 1926 he established a complete baby store shop and variety store on Atwells Avenue, in which he maintains the highest standards of excellence both as to quality of product and service. Mr. Pantalone, a genial and alert young man, is one of the promising Italo-Americans of the Federal Hill section.

Mr. Pantalone is a member of the Aurora Club.

Mr. Pantalone is married to Antonetta Caione. They are the parents of four children: 1. Grace; 2. Rita; 3. Marie; 4. Norma.

Vincent's Baby Shop & Variety Store is located on Atwells Avenue in the very center of that busy district.

PERRINO, Glicerio

Dairyman and founder of Cranston Farms, Inc.; born in Gallo, Province of Campobasso, Italy, the son of Michele and Angela (Paulo) Perrino. He was compelled to work consistently from a very early age, starting life as a farm boy in his native village. Young Perrino was, however, exceedingly ambitious, and whatever education he later obtained was due entirely to his own efforts. Having determined to seek his future beyond the limits of his native village, in 1892 he immigrated to the United States, settling in Providence. Upon arriving here he entered the employ of Brown & Sharpe. Mr. Perrino, with a careful grounding in the dairy industry in Italy, in 1901 made his first independent venture in the dairy business. He sold the highest grade of milk and cream, and quickly became a leader among dairymen in Rhode Island. In 1937 his dairy business was incorporated under the name of Cranston Farms, Inc., with office and plant at 1014 Park Avenue, Providence, R. I.

Mr. Perrino held membership in the

Rhode Island Independent Milk Association, of which he was one of the founders.

Mr. Perrino married in Italy Rosa Boiano. They became the parents of four children: 1. Michael, engaged as manager of Cranston Farms; 2. Anthony, engaged as route foreman for the Cranston Farms; 3. John, also associated with the Cranston Farms; 4. Mrs. Angela Chiodi.

Mr. Perrino died in Cranston, R. I., on July 24, 1939.

The Cranston Farms, Inc., as now constituted is made up of the following: Michael Perrino, president and treasurer; Mrs. Rosa Perrino, vice president; Anthony Perrino, assistant treasurer; John Perrino, secretary.

PANZARELLA, Pasquale P.

Registered pharmacist; born in Bristol, R. I., March 18, 1917, the son of Antonio and Maria Olivo, who were born respectively, at Montemaggiore Belsito, Province of Palermo, and Serrò, Province of Messina, Italy.

Following his primary education he attended the Colt Memorial High School graduating in 1935. His parents having a large family and because of the necessity of adding his earnings to the family purse, young Pasquale was forced to interrupt his studies for one year, but nevertheless, he was able to enter the Rhode Island College of Pharmacy in 1936 from which he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy on June 12, 1940.

PENNACCHINI, Michele

Newspaperman, radio commentator and theatre manager; born in Marzano Appio, Province of Naples, Italy, the son of Luigi and Maria Mongillo Pennacchini. His maternal grandfather, Dr. Vincenzo Mongillo, was for thirty years Mayor of Teano.

Mr. Pennacchini attended the private and technical schools of Marzano Appio and Teano. In 1903 he immigrated to the United States, settling in Providence. Founder of the dramatic club, Ermete Novelli, in 1907. Has been dramatic director of Ermete Novelli, Tommaso Salvini, Dante Alighieri and Federation of Philodramatic Clubs. For many years he represented the "Corriere D'America," published by Luigi Barzini, and helped in promoting its circulation throughout New England and Canada. He also represented "Americolo" published by La Guardia, and "La Settimana," published by Edward Corsi. Has been active in promoting the representation of Italian theatrical dramas and plays. Has directed and broadcast Italian programs at stations WPRO, WEAN and WSAR. Has been the first to transmit radiophone programs in the Italian language in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

He is an honorary member of Verdi Club.

Mr. Pennacchini is married. Children: 1. Eleonora; 2. Felice; 3. Raimondo; 4. Vincenzo. Office: 201 Atwells avenue, Providence, R. I.

PERROTTA, Mario Thomas

Registered pharmacist; born in Roccamonfina, Province of Naples, Italy, May 4, 1900, the son of Gennaro and Antonetta (Santonastasio) Perrotta, who were born respectively, at Roccamonfina, and Pietramelara, Province of Naples, Italy. His father immigrated to Rhode Island some forty years ago.

When an infant he was brought to the United States by his mother to join his father in Providence.

He received his education in the Providence Public Schools and later attended the Rhode Island College of Pharmacy from which he graduated with the degree of Ph. G. in 1919. After completing his studies he held re-

sponsible positions with many leading drug stores. In 1925 he went into the drug business for himself in Newport, a field of endeavor in which he has been successful. Perrotta Pharmacy is one of the leading drug stores in Newport.

Mr. Perrotta is a 4th degree member, Knights of Columbus, he is a prominent member of the Democratic City Committee, a member of Lodge Progresso e Civiltà of the Order Sons of Italy, a member of the Italo-American Club of Newport. Address: Perrotta Pharmacy, 176 Broadway, Newport, R. I.

PAOLILLI, Antonio

Music publisher and dealer in musical instruments; born in Sulmona, Province of Aquila, Italy, March 21, 1892, the son of Francesco and Maddalena (Giammarco) Paolilli.

Mr. Paolilli was brought here by his mother in 1894 to join his father who had immigrated to Providence previously. He attended the local public schools and at a very early age decided to enter a business career where he could be useful as a music publisher and music dealer.

The publishing and musical house of Antonio Paolilli, the oldest and largest of its kind in Rhode Island, had a very modest beginning in 1912. The story of its subsequent growth is but a rehearsal of the exceptional vision, enthusiasm and courage of its founder, backed by the confidence of many musicians and students who have continuously patronized his business. The Paolilli Music Company has definitely established itself as one of the largest Italian music houses in New England.

In 1914 Mr. Paolilli married Filomena Ambrosini. They are the parents of two children: 1. Francesco; 2. Albert. Address: 201 Atwells avenue.

PESATURO, Michele

Father of the author of this publication, was born in Prata Sannita, in the former Province of Caserta, now Province of Campobasso, Italy, January 15, 1850, the son of Ottaviano Pesaturo and Vittoria Conca.

For many years he held the office of municipal secretary and Royal Delegate in Prata Sannita, Letino and other towns of his native province. In May, 1891, he came to the United States settling first in Newark, N. J. In October, 1891, he removed with his family to Providence where he was appointed Royal Italian Consular Representative and at the same time started a private banking and steamship agency. In 1897 he gave up his lucrative activities, preferring to devote his entire time to the notarial profession.

In 1879 Mr. Pesaturo married Cecilia Fragola, a school teacher. Mrs. Pesaturo was for many years a public school teacher in various towns of the Province of Caserta. Upon her arrival in Providence, October, 1891, she started private classes for the teaching of the Italian language. She taught until 1895. Mrs. Pesaturo died in Providence, January 11, 1922.

PESATURO, Ubaldo U. M.

Pioneer in Italo-American historical research work, author of *Italo-Americans of Rhode Island*, and long a prominent figure in civic, cultural and patriotic circles; born in Letino, Province of Campobasso, Italy, the son of Michele Pesaturo, a municipal secretary from Prata Sannita, and Cecilia Fragola Pesaturo, a school teacher from Piedimonte D'Alife, Italy. In 1891 when a small boy he was brought to the United States by his parents. Educated in Newark, Providence and New York City. Address: P. O. Box 742, Providence, R. I.

PALIANO, Michele

Importer, founder and proprietor of the big store conducted under the same name, and one of the most influential business men on Atwells avenue; born in Rodi Garganico, Province of Foggia, Italy, January 6, 1880, the son of Giuseppe and Maria Giuseppa (Russa) Paliano, both deceased.

The first twenty-one years of Mr. Paliano's life were passed in his native town, where he received his education, and where he was reared with those favorable habits of industry and thrift that laid the foundation for a successful business career in America.

In 1901 he immigrated to the United States, settling in Providence. Upon coming here he obtained employment in the Fletcher Mills where he soon demonstrated his ability by being promoted as overseer of the dye department. For six years he worked in this plant until he had accumulated enough money to make his first independent venture in business at 315 Atwells avenue, establishing a small grocery store. In this enterprise he was highly successful. After three years he moved into the spacious and larger quarters at 321-323 Atwells avenue, a property which he had purchased. Today Mr. Paliano's grocery store is one of the largest and best equipped of its kind in Rhode Island. Mr. Paliano specializes in importing, directly from Italy, all the Italian products sold in his store. High standards of business dealing and Italian and domestic products of the highest quality have made it one of the most popular stores in Rhode Island.

Mr. Paliano is prominently identified with many social and fraternal organizations. He is a member of the Italo-American Club, a member and one of the founders of Dante Alighieri Lodge, Order Sons of Italy, a member of Tyler Council, No. 45, Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Paliano married May 20, 1909, Carolina Micheli. They are the parents of the following children: Joseph Faust, who has completed a course in finance; Michelina Carolina, a graduate of high school.

Mr. Paliano's big store is located at 321-323 Atwells avenue, Providence, R. I. Home: 115 Vinton street, Providence, R. I.

QUATTROCCHI, John, Jr.

Assistant City Solicitor of the City of Providence; born in Providence. October 15, 1913, the son of Giovanni and Vincenza (Di Gennaro) Quattrocchi. His parents, natives of Mugnano Del Cardinale, Province of Avellino, Italy, immigrated to Rhode Island about 1900.

Mr. Quattrocchi went through the Providence public schools. He graduated from Classical High School, class of 1930, and Brown University, from which he graduated in 1934 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He afterwards studied at Boston University Law School, from which he was graduated in 1937, cum laude, with the degree of LL. B. Upon his admission to the Rhode Island bar on November 5, 1937, he entered immediately in the active practice of law in Providence.

On June 19, 1939, Mr. Quattrocchi was appointed assistant city solicitor. He is the first Italo-American ever to prosecute criminal cases for the Providence Police Department.

RAMPONE, Vincent

School principal and supervisor; born in Johnston, R. I., February 15, 1909, the son of Antonio and Annunziata (Marcaccio) Rampone, both natives of Capriati Al Volturno, Italy.

He received his early education in the public schools of Johnston, graduating from the Thornton Grammar

School in 1923. In 1924 he was compelled to go to work in order to earn money for his education. Re-entering school after one year's absence, he graduated from the Providence Commercial High School in 1928. After spending two years at Providence College in 1928-30, he transferred to R. I. College of Education, from which he graduated in 1932, with the degree of Bachelor of Education.

He began his active career as a public school teacher at the Thornton Jr. High School in 1932. He was promoted to assistant principal in 1936, and to the principalship in 1937. He is at present principal and supervisor of the Thornton Jr. High School.

Since he began his teaching career he has gained wide reputation in having introduced recreational facilities such as baseball, soccer, basketball and track, dramatics and other extra curricula activities that might contribute to making his school sound both scholastically and athletically. In the field of safety education Mr. Rampone has also taken a leading part, as shown by the fact that the Thornton Jr. High School holds the highest record in the country for its work in safeguarding lives.

Mr. Rampone's professional and fraternal affiliations include the University Club of Boston; R. I. Secondary Schools Principals' Association; Kappa Delta Phi National Fraternity, R. I. Driver-Teacher Association.

On August 23, 1937, Mr. Rampone married Sarah Martin of Providence, a graduate of the Central High School.

RICCITELLI, Michael P.

State boiler inspector; born in Thornton, town of Johnston, R. I., April 2, 1893, the son of Angelico and Domenica (Iannuccilli) Riccitelli, both pioneer immigrants from Valle Agricola, Italy.

After attending the public schools of Johnston, at the age of fourteen he began to work on anything he could find. In 1913 he became an apprentice in the power and heating division of Grinnell Company. He rose steadily to higher positions until he became superintendent of construction.

On April 17, 1939, he was appointed by the Department of Labor of the State of Rhode Island to the position of Boiler Inspector.

He served as a member of the Johnston Town Council from 1930 to 1934.

He is a charter member, Past President and member of the Board of Directors of the Pocasset Casino Holding Company; member of the Steam Fitters' Local Union, No. 476, of Providence; member of Lodge Fior D'Italia, Order Sons of Italy; member Providence Elks, No. 14.

On October 24, 1914, Mr. Riccitelli married Angelina Vinacco. They are the parents of three children: 1. Joseph; 2. Mary Esta; 3. Angela Rita. Home: 1134 Plainfield street, Johnston, R. I.

ROSSI, Thomas

Owner of Tom's Men's and Boys' Toggery, was born in Providence, November 18, 1912, the son of Joseph and Antonetta Feole Rossi, both natives of Roccamonfina, Italy. He went through the local public schools and for two years attended the Technical High School. He then completed his course at the Evening High School, from which he graduated in 1931.

At an early age he entered the employ of H. C. Knott & Company where he learned the toggery business. Later he was employed as salesman for various concerns until 1937 at which time he established his own business, specializing in the sale of men's and boys' toggery.

Mr. Rossi, who is active in the civic

and social life in the North End section, is a member of the North End Business Men's Association.

On May 2, 1936, Mr. Rossi married Rose Fascitelli, American born. Business address: 582 Charles street, Providence, R. I.

ROMANO, Pasquale

Lawyer, public official; born in Spinoso, Province of Basilicata, Italy, September 3, 1876, the son of Giuseppe and Filomena (Romano) Romano. His father, a patriot, served and fought under Garibaldi in 1860 for the unification of Italy.

He was educated in the public schools of his native town, the gymnasium Silvio Pellico in Viggiano, and the college Vittorio Emanuele in Naples.

He immigrated to the United States with his parents in 1895, settling first in New York City. After learning the English language he acted as court interpreter. In 1904 he removed to Providence where he studied law in the office of Frank Steere, Washington R. Prescott and the Chicago Correspondence School. While studying law he acted as court interpreter and taught English in the Evening Public Schools.

He was admitted to the Rhode Island bar in 1912 and immediately began his active practice of law in Providence.

In 1927-1935 he served as a member of the City of Providence from the old 9th Ward and later from the 13th Ward. During 1937-1940 he represented the 17th District in the Rhode Island House of Representatives.

His fraternal affiliations include Lodge Italia, Order Sons of Italy; Basilicata Society. He has been a trustee of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church since it was erected.

In 1902 Mr. Romano married Maria Carmela Berenice, a native of Monte-

murro, Italy, who was brought to Boston by her parents when a child.

Mr. Romano's law office is at 4 Weybosset street, Providence, R. I.

ROSSI, Eleuterio Michael

Accountant; born in New York City, December 8, 1900, the son of Nicola and Raffaella (Galuppo) Rossi, natives of Montagano, Province of Campobasso, Italy.

He received his early education in the Providence public schools and at Classical High School. Immediately thereafter he pursued a course in accountancy.

In 1917 he began his career at the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company, starting in a minor clerical capacity, but through sheer intelligence and ability rose to the position of an accountant.

He is a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

On April 28, 1928, Mr. Rossi married Fanny Di Maio, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alessandro Di Maio. They are the parents of two children: 1. Elizabeth Louise; 2. Donald Nicholas.

RICCI, Frank

Contractor; born in Sulmona, Province of Aquila, Italy, August 22, 1879, the son of Camillo and Bambina (Di Benedetto) Ricci.

He attended the public schools of his native town until the age of nine, at which time he was compelled to set out to make his own way. He served an apprenticeship at the stone mason trade under his father, an experienced mason contractor. At the age of thirteen he immigrated with his father to the United States. Upon coming to this country in 1892, his first job was as a water boy at Whitehall, Pa. Then he came to Providence to join his father here. Upon coming to

Providence he worked as a water boy and gradually worked himself up to the position of foreman and engineer for large contracting concerns. During his spare time he took up a course in mechanical engineering with the International Correspondence School of Scranton. In 1904 he accepted a position as master mechanic for Butler & Hayward, builders of gasometers and gas plants; next he worked for the same concern at Chicago. Upon his return to Providence he worked as an engineer in the erection of the new Post Office building; from 1906 to 1911 he worked as master mechanic in the construction of the East Side tunnel; in 1911 he started the Providence Crush Stone and Sand Company. In 1922 with Domenico Ricci he organized the firm of Ricci & Ricci, general contractors, specializing in highway construction and in dealing in sand, gravel and crushed stone. Mr. Ricci has been highly successful in his business.

He is a member of the R. I. Highway Association.

On October 18, 1903, Mr. Ricci married Victoria Di Saia. They are the parents of seven children: 1. Albert; 2. Alfred; 3. Lillian; 4. Rinaldo; 5. Clara; 6. Frank, Jr.; 7. Charles. Home: 118 Pocasset avenue, Providence, R. I. Office: Phenix avenue, Cranston, R. I.

ROSSIGNOLI, Vincent P., M.D.

Born in Providence, September 14, 1908, the son of Louis Rossignoli and Enrichetta (Biello) Rossignoli, both natives of Italy.

He attended the local public schools and Classical High School, from which he graduated in 1927; he thereafter entered Providence College where he completed his pre-medical course and received the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1931. Subsequently he entered Georgetown University where

he graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1935. Immediately afterwards he served his internship at St. Raphael Hospital, New Haven, Conn., and Charles V. Chapin Hospital, Providence, R. I.

He began his active practice of medicine in Providence in April, 1937.

Dr. Rossignoli is connected as a city physician at the Providence Board of Health.

He is a member of the Providence Medical Society, Malpighi Medical Club and Aurora Club. Office: 668 Academy avenue, Providence, R. I.

RICCITELLI, Domenico

Artist and tailor; born in Raviscanina, Province of Benevento, Italy, March 9, 1881, the son of Michele Angelo and Brigida (Rega) Riccitelli, both natives of the same town. His father who immigrated to the United States in 1883 was one of the early settlers of the Federal Hill district.

Mr. Riccitelli attended the public schools of his native town and when twelve years old came to this country to join his father in Providence. Upon arriving in Providence he learned the tailoring trade and studied English in the Evening Public Schools. He also studied painting at the Rhode Island School of Design. A man of talent, his landscape paintings depicting American life and sceneries of Venice and other parts of Italy adorn the homes and institutions in many of our cities.

Mr. Riccitelli is a member and secretary of the Pollutrese Society.

On March 13, 1910, Mr. Riccitelli married Lucia Farina, a native of Pollutri, Italy. They are the parents of four children: 1. Mrs. Della Corvino; 2. Michael Angelo Domenico, a graduate of R. I. School of Design, engaged as a commercial artist; 3. Giulia Anna; 4. Anna, an amateur

dramatist. Studio: 417 Atwells avenue, Providence, R. I.

ROMANO, Nicholas A.

Museum photographer; born in Benevento, Italy, November 11, 1887, the son of Michele and Angela (Petraccaro) Romano, both natives of the same town. In the United States since 1902. Married Goldie Walberg, 1910. Educated in Italy and in the United States. Three children: 1. Hilda; 2. Gilda; 3. Ovid. Soon after his arrival in the United States worked as a photographer in Newark, N. J., where he spent four years. Later he moved to Providence, where he worked for M. L. Buffington until 1917. From 1917 until 1926 he worked for himself. Since 1926 he has held the position of museum photographer, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, R. I. Home: 151 South Angell street, Providence, R. I.

RAIA, Vito L., M.D.

Dean of the Italo-American physicians of Rhode Island, was born in Viggiano, Province of Basilicata, Italy, September 15, 1857. He graduated from the Royal University of Naples, Italy, in 1883, with the degree of Doctor in Medicine and Surgery. In 1886 he came to Providence and at once established himself in practice here. He was an eminent eye surgeon and one of the founders of the Malpighi Medical Club. On October 28, 1930, the King of Italy conferred upon him the decoration of Chevalier of the Crown of Italy. Dr. Raia died in Providence on November 21, 1938. For further information see *Italo-Americans of Rhode Island*, Page 116, Vol. 1, 1936.

RUBBA, John, O.P.

College professor and religious leader; born in Hammonton, N. J., October 30, 1903, the son of Matthew and Maria (Angelo) Rubba. His father immigrated to the United States about 1884.

He received his preliminary and secondary education in the public schools of Hammonton. After completing high school he matriculated at Providence College, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He afterwards spent two years at Catholic University, Washington, D. C., two years at the University of Florence, Italy, and two years at the University of Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy, where he received the Doctorate of Letters.

In September, 1938, he was appointed Professor of Italian and Spanish at Providence College.

RICCI, Joseph

Manufacturer; born in Providence, September 27, 1904, the son of Antonio and Rosina (Ricci) Ricci, both natives of Prata Sannita, Province of Campobasso, Italy.

He attended the local public schools and Technical High School from which he graduated in 1922. After leaving school he began to work as poster artist which he followed in various concerns. In the meantime he attended in the evening the Rhode Island School of Design taking courses in drawing and designing, receiving a certificate of completion of studies at the end of five years. He then attended the Evening High School where he took up mechanical drawing. Being ambitious and possessing an excellent preparation he started his own sign studio on Mathewson street remaining there for one year. Next he became chief designer for Rueckert Manufacturing Company, remaining there for three years. In

March, 1937, he established the Crafts, Inc., engaged as designer and manufacturing merchandising displays, of which he is president. Articles manufactured by this company are shipped to all parts of the United States and Europe.

On February 11, 1929, Mr. Ricci married Maria Lombari, a native of Providence. Office: 70 Tingley street, Providence, R. I.

RICCI, Amedeo A.

General manager; born in Providence, September 11, 1906, the son of Antonio and Rosa (Ricci) Ricci, both natives of Prata Sannita, Province of Campobasso, Italy.

He attended the local public schools; Classical High School, 1925; Brown University, A. B., 1929.

After the completion of his education he entered the employ of Low Supply Company starting first as shipping clerk. While with the Low Supply Company Mr. Ricci spared no effort to master every detail of operations and financial conditions to be met in the course of his work, such as distribution, sales, purchasing, warehousing and traffic management, and upon this solid foundation he laid the ground work for his future success. He remained with the Low Supply Company until 1939, at which time he helped to organize the National Plumbing & Heating Supply Corporation, becoming its general manager.

Mr. Ricci is a member of the Italo-American Club.

The office of the National Plumbing & Heating Supply Corporation, of which Mr. Ricci is general manager, is at 513 Atwells avenue, Providence, R. I.

REA, Alfred

Founder and owner of Chrome Kraft Mfg. Company; born in Isola Del Liri, Province of Frosinone, Italy, July 9, 1909, the son of Thomas and Angelina (Mollicone) Rea.

He attended the Providence public schools. At the age of fourteen he went to work in a machine shop and continued his studies in the evening Technical High School, where he studied mechanical drafting. He later enrolled as a student at the Rhode Island School of Design where he took up furniture designing and commercial art. While employed in the wooden furniture business he made a careful study of chrome steel furniture.

In 1936 he started his own factory, manufacturing and designing krome steel furniture for bus terminals, barber shops, beauty parlors, lunch rooms, shoe stores, men's shops, hotels and doctors' and dentists' offices. A young man with a mechanical bent, at the age of twenty-four he obtained his first patent. At present he has three patents to his credit and fourteen still pending.

On November 21, 1934, Mr. Rea married Elizabeth Capaldi of Providence. They are the parents of one child: Rita.

Mr. Rea conducts his factory under the name of Chrome Kraft Mfg. Co., the oldest and largest manufacturers of distinctive chromium furniture. Office and factory: 934 Branch avenue, Providence, R. I.

ROMANO, Anthony, M.D.

Born in Providence, November 13, 1896, the son of Eraclio and Rosa (Viti) Romano, pioneer immigrants from the town of Pietravairano, Province of Naples, Italy.

Educated in the Providence Public schools; Classical High School, 1916;

Brown University, B. A., 1920; Jefferson Medical College, M. D., 1924. Served his internship at Grace Hospital in New Haven, Conn. He began his active practice of medicine in 1926.

Dr. Romano is on the medical staff of the out-patient department of the Rhode Island Hospital; courtesy staff of the Lying-in-Hospital and Homeopathic Hospital.

Dr. Romano is a member of the Providence Medical Society and Malpighi Medical Club.

In 1925 Dr. Romano married Katharine (Vessella). They are the parents of two children: 1. Robert Anthony; 2. Geraldine Rose. Office: 462 Broadway, Providence, R. I. (From the 1936 edition).

RONCHESE, Francesco, M.D.

Born in Treviso, Italy, October 22, 1892.

Graduated from the Royal University of Padua, April 6, 1917, with the degree of M. D. He took up a post graduate course in dermatology in Venice, Italy, and Paris, France. Served for four and a half years in the World War and is now a captain in the Reserve Medical Corps, Royal Italian Navy. In recognition of his military valor he was awarded a bronze medal by the Italian Government.

Dr. Ronchese's hospital affiliations include: dermatologist, Rhode Island Hospital, Charles V. Chapin Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital, State Hospital for Mental Diseases, State Infirmary. Assistant dermatologist, Massachusetts General Hospital.

Dr. Ronchese's professional affiliations include American Medical Association, Rhode Island Medical Society, Providence Medical Association, New England Dermatological Society, Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, Societa Italiana Di Dermatologia E Sifiliologia of Rome,

Italy. He has published 23 papers on various subjects of dermatology and syphilology.

In 1923, Dr. Ronchese married Diana Guilmette of Southbridge, Mass. Office: 122 Waterman street. (From the 1936 edition).

REGINE, Louis

Proprietor Regine Motor Company; born in Forio D'Ischia, in the island of Ischia, Province of Naples, Italy, August 1, 1901, the son of Giuseppe and Carmela (Del Deo) Regine: In 1904, at the age of three, he was brought to the United States by his parents, who settled in Providence.

He attended the local public schools, but early in life he began learning the plumbing trade at the Providence Plumbing Company. Five years later he bought out the concern and became its sole owner. After eight years he transferred his plumbing business to his brother and brother-in-law. In 1932 he turned to the automobile business. At that time he established a complete automobile sales and service agency, becoming a dealer of Pontiac cars. Mr. Regine's salesroom is located at 193 Smith street. He is sole owner of the business, both sales and service, and also of the building in which the business is carried on under the name of Regine Motors, Inc. In the comparatively short period of years that Mr. Regine took up the automobile industry by representation of popular cars, he has built up an enterprise that is known throughout this section for its fine work and service.

In addition to his ownership of the Regine Motors, Inc., he is also the sole owner of the Rex Finance Company and interested in the real estate business.

Although devoted to his business and to the service of the automobile public, Mr. Regine is also active in

business, social and fraternal affairs. He is a member of the R. I. Automobile Dealers' Association, Italo-American Club and Aurora Club.

On Sept. 12, 1921, Mr. Regine married Celia Zarrella, a native of Providence. They are the parents of three children: 1. Louis Joseph, Jr.; 2. Vito; 3. Carmela. Office: 193 Smith street. Home: 44 Cathedral avenue, Providence, R. I.

RUSSO, Thomas

Businessman; born in Teano, Province of Naples, Italy, October 21, 1904, the son of Nicola and Isabella (Di Pari) Russo.

Mr. Russo when a small child of five years of age was brought to the United States by his mother to join his father in Providence. He attended the local public schools, and when but fourteen years of age, he went to work in a hardware store where he learned the business from all angles. He remained with this concern until 1923, at which time he associated himself with his father, Nicola Russo, in starting a hardware and paint store at 315 Atwells Avenue. His business grew so rapidly that after a few years it moved to the large quarters at 279-281 Atwells Avenue, making it one of the largest hardware and paint stores in the Federal Hill section.

The Russo's Hardware, Inc., supply contractors and home builders with a complete line of builders' hardware. They supply home owners with everything needed to completely equip your kitchen and beautify your home. They carry kitchen hardware, including cooking utensils, cutlery, dishes, glassware, electric appliances, etc. They carry large and complete stocks of paints, oils, varnishes, etc., featuring the well-known Sherwin-Williams' line. They carry wall paper in a

complete assortment of latest patterns. They carry sporting goods, including a complete line of fishing tackle, hunters' supplies, etc. They issue Rhode Island fishing licenses for the convenience of their trade. They also carry big stocks of gifts and articles suitable for showers and wedding gifts. They render an expert stove repair service on stoves of all makes and sizes.

Thomas Russo is a member of the Knights of Columbus and Aurora Club.

Mr. Russo is married to Rose Martone Russo.

This large and well-equipped Russo's Hardware, Inc., of which Thomas Russo is manager, is at 298 Atwells Avenue, Providence, R. I.

ROMANO, Frank

General contractor; born in Moschiano, Province of Avellino, Italy, May 17, 1898, the son of Antonio and Fortunata Giordana Romano, both natives of the same town. He attended the local public schools until he was ten years of age, when he became a helper on his father's farm. When a youth of sixteen he immigrated to the United States, first settling in Pennsylvania, where he worked for two years in a glass factory. In 1916 he proceeded to Providence, where, Frank, still a mere lad, learned the cement blocking trade. After a few years of experience in his trade, in 1918, he started a contracting business on his own account. His building operations include houses, gasoline filling stations, stores and general construction work. He is successfully engaged in business under the name of Romano Construction Company.

Mr. Romano is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Stella D'Italia

Society, Italo-American Citizens Club and other organizations.

Mr. Romano married, May 8, 1922, Angiolina Di Giulio, a native of New York City. They are the parents of four children: 1. Fortunata; 2. Angela; 3. Frank, Jr.; 4. Ronald.

Mr. Romano's office is at 95 Fountain Street, Providence, R. I.

RUGGIERO, Vasta L.



VASTA L. RUGGIERO

Well-known leader in civic and charitable work; born in Scafati, Province of Salerno, Italy, May 9, 1902, the daughter of Nicola and Elvira (Formisano) La Rocca, both natives of the same town.

When three years old she was brought to the United States by her mother to join her father in Bristol. She attended the public schools and was graduated from the Colt Memorial High School with the class of

1920. After her graduation she was employed by the N. I. R. Co., as clerk for five years.

At a very young age she took a great interest in civic, charitable and religious work among the Italian people of Bristol. Well known in musical circles, she is a piano teacher and also organist of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church since 1924 and still holds that position. Founded the St. Rita's Girls' Club of the same parish and served as its president for thirteen years. In 1927 she organized a kindergarten for neighborhood children. In 1931 she was appointed Director of Public Aid, the first Italian ever to hold such an office, discharging her duties with ability and efficiency. She has also the distinction of being the first Italian woman to become a Deputy Sheriff, having been appointed on July 12, 1940. A member of the Republican Town Committee since 1929, in the field of Italo-American women's activities in Bristol, Mrs. Ruggieri is a tireless worker and one of its outstanding leaders.

On September 21, 1925, she was married to John A. Ruggiero, a native of New York City, of the clerical department of the N. I. R. Co., and is the mother of two sons: 1. John; 2. Robert. Home: 97 Bradford Street, Bristol, R. I.

RUSSO, Marco A.

Proprietor of Russo Advertising and Publishing Company; born in San Fele, Province of Potenza, Italy, January 8, 1870, the son of Gabriele and Margherita Russo. In 1886 he immigrated to the United States, settling in Newport. He is one of the founders of the Italo-American community of Newport. Very active in civic and fraternal affairs. He is a member of the Newport Historical Society.

He is editor and publisher of "L'Alba" of Newport, and "Il Corriere" of Middletown.

In 1906, Mr. Russo married in San Fele, Italy, Filomena Pittaro, and is the father of two children: 1. Gabriella, a teacher; 2. Marco A. Russo, a clerk in the U. S. service. Office: corner Touro and Spring Streets, Newport, R. I.

RUSSILLO, Domenic Thomas

Architect. See Page 51, Second Edition, *Italo-Americans of Rhode Island*, 1936.

ROMA MACARONI DIE MFG. CO., The

The Roma Macaroni Die Manufacturing Company was established in Boston, Mass., in 1937, by the two cousins, Salvatore Correnti and Giovanni Correnti.

As mechanics they felt the need of accurate machines and tools and worked out designs for new tools, many of which are now recognized as the standard in the mechanical field for the manufacture of macaroni. Their selection of improved special machinery and appliances called Pantographs which are imported from Germany, has been the prime factor in the broad development of the business of their company.

The excellence of the dies manufactured by their company have brought it recognition as the leader in their field. Its dies are now distributed to macaroni manufacturers all over the United States and Canada. The Roma Macaroni Die Manufacturing Company are the only die makers here in New England.

Since its formation in 1937, the company has successfully expanded under the able management of Salvatore Correnti and Giovanni Correnti.

The office of the Roma Macaroni Die Manufacturing Company is at 348 Commercial Street, Boston, Mass.

SEVERINO, Dominick Alexander

College instructor; born in Boston, Mass., September 14, 1914, the son of Nicola L. Severino and Amalia Giordano, who were born respectively at Altavilla Irpina and Montefredane, Province of Avellino, Italy.

Mr. Severino received his education in the Boston public schools and, following his graduation from the High school, enrolled at Massachusetts College of Arts, where he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor in the Science of Education in 1937. He afterwards entered Boston University, from which he received the degree of Master of Education in 1938. As an undergraduate he was prominent in college affairs, being President of Student Government in Massachusetts College of Art, 1936-37.

His educational training completed, he immediately entered in the active teaching of his profession. In September, 1938, he was appointed an instructor of art at Rhode Island College of Education, the youngest Italo-American ever to hold such a position.

Mr. Severino has executed many important oil paintings and water colors which he has exhibited in Massachusetts. He has also exhibited important designs and settings for dramatic presentations. In 1939 he received a Carnegie scholarship to Harvard University.

He is a member of Rhode Island Arts Teachers Association; Eastern Arts Association; Alumni Association of Boston University.

On August 27, 1939, Prof. Severino married Fehr E. Dirkman of Waban, Mass., a graduate of the Massachusetts College of Art.

SANTOSUOSSO, Michele Angelo

Proprietor of Providence Marble and Slate Works; born at Taurasi, Province of Avellino, Italy, June 11, 1887, the son of Raffaele and Carmela (Caggiano) Santosuosso.

Mr. Santosuosso received his early education in the public schools of his native town and at the age of fifteen he was brought to the United States by his uncle to join his father in Boston. In 1907 he returned to his native country to serve in the Italian Army, where he was assigned to the 12th Regiment of Field Artillery. He was honorably discharged in 1909 with the grade of corporal major.

Following his discharge from the army he returned to Boston in 1910. Upon coming to these shores he at once engaged in the marble and slate business. The Providence Marble and Slate Works, of which he is the sole owner, was established in Providence in 1918. The reputation which Mr. Santosuosso has built up for himself in his field is both enviable and complete.

Mr. Santosuosso devotes considerable time to civic, fraternal and social activities. He is a member of Lodge Fiore D'Italia, Order Sons of Italy and the Elks.

On April 25, 1910, Mr. Santosuosso married Maria Colarusso. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Raffaele, associated with his father; 2. William; 3. John; 4. Arthur; 5. Carmela; 6. Elizabeth. Office: 470-472 West Exchange Street, Providence, R. I.

SCIOTTI, Fred

Electrical engineer; born in Providence, March 10, 1904. His father, Antonio Sciotti, a jeweler, native of Furci, Province of Chieti, and his mother, Pulcheria (Bruscaglia) Sciotti,

native of Predappio, Province of Forli, immigrated to the United States from Italy in 1900.

He attended the local public schools and Technical High School, graduating in 1922. He then entered Brown University, from which he graduated in 1926 with the degree of Bachelor of Sciences in electrical engineering.

After spending two years in various concerns, in 1929 he became electrical engineer for the New England Power Service Company, a position which he has held ever since.

Actively interested in military affairs, he joined the Rhode Island National Guard in 1922; in 1929 he was commissioned in the U. S. Reserve Army with the rank of lieutenant in the 302nd Field Artillery; in 1936 he was promoted to the rank of captain in the same branch of the service.

On April 28, 1930, he married Anna De Bucci of Providence. They became the parents of one child: Robert Sciotti.

SPADETTI, Armando

Chemical engineer; born in Isernia, Province of Campobasso, Italy, February 15, 1913, the son of Pietro and Antonetta (Amicarelli) Spadetti. In 1916 he was brought to this country by his mother to join his father in Providence. He attended the local public schools and Technical High School, graduating in 1930. While there he was a member of the Rhode Island Honor Society for Scholastic Achievements. He then entered Rhode Island State College from which he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Sciences in chemical engineering in 1934, and received the degree of Master of Sciences in chemistry in 1939. At the Rhode Island State College he became a member of Phi

Kappa Phi, the national honorary scholastic fraternity.

In 1934 he was appointed instructor of chemistry at Rhode Island State College serving during 1934-36. He became assistant chief chemist at the Apponaug Finishing Company, remaining there during 1936-38. He then went with the Smithfield Chemical Company, at Greenville, becoming managing chemical engineer, a position which he has held ever since.

Actively interested in military affairs he joined the Rhode Island National Guard in 1935, when he became a 2nd lieutenant of the 118th Engineers. He is a member of the American Association of Textile Chemists, American Chemical Society, Providence Junior Engineers Society.

On May 22, 1939, Mr. Spadetti married Giovanna Guglielmi, daughter of Mr. Raffaele and Mrs. Maria Caramonte Guglielmi of Providence.

SCIARAFFA, Charles C.

Jewelry manufacturer; born in Providence, March 30, 1905, the son of Paul and Maria Villanova Sciaraffa.

He received his early education in the local public schools and Technical High School. After high school he started and completed his apprentice training in leading jewelry factories, specializing in stone setting, and followed it until 1936, at which time he went into business for himself, starting a small plant devoted entirely to stone-setting in all its branches.

Mr. Sciaraffa, an enterprising young man, takes an active part in all phases of community life.

On September 11, 1924, Mr. Sciaraffa married Jessie Miller. They became the parents of two children: 1. Charles, Jr.; 2. Norma. Office: 661 Westminster Street, Providence, R. I.

SACCOCCIO, Anthony

Proprietor of Modern Jewelry Casting Company, was born in Cranston, R. I., January 20, 1910, the son of Luigi and Madeline Di Meo Saccoccio.

He received his elementary education in the public schools of Cranston and at the age of 12 he went to work in the jewelry factories where he served his apprenticeship in jewelry tool making. This was followed by experience in the shop and in time worked as foreman for T. & R. Jewelry Company, B. Novgrad & Co., and other jewelry concerns. In 1936, he went into business for himself by starting a factory where he specialized in bronze molds, a venture in which he has been successful.

On May 12, 1931, Mr. Saccoccio married Catherine De Lellis. They became the parents of two children: 1. Louis Anthony; 2. Madeline Ann. Mrs. Saccoccio died in 1938.

Mr. Saccoccio is a charter member of the Rhody Roller Skating Club, the first organization of its kind ever started in this State. He is a member of the City Hall Athletic Club of Cranston.

Mr. Saccoccio is engaged in business under the name of Modern Jewelry Casting Co., 661 Westminster Street, Providence, R. I.

SOLLITTO, Paul Henry, D.M.D.

Born in Providence, November 23, 1911, the son of Antonio Sollitto and Filomena Correra Sollitto, both natives of Maddaloni, Italy.

He received his education in the local public schools and Classical High School, from which he graduated in 1931. He then entered Rhode Island State College from which he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Sciences in 1935. He afterwards took up the study of dentistry at Harvard Dental School, graduating with the degree of

D.M.D. in 1939. He served his junior internship at Exeter School, Lafayette, R. I.

Dr. Sollitto is a member of the Rhode Island Rams Club and the Rho Iota Kappa, a local fraternity at Rhode Island State College.

Dr. Sollitto is registered to practice dentistry in Rhode Island. Office: 227 Broadway, Providence, R. I.

SGAMBATO, Frank John

Labor leader and councilman from North Providence; born in New York City, August 24, 1900, the son of Giovanni and Carmela Sgambato, natives of Italy.

At the age of fourteen he started life as a textile worker. In 1932 he became President of Local Union of Textile Workers; in 1934 he became organizer of the American Federation of Labor; from February, 1937, to March, 1939, he held the post of factory inspector. In 1939 he returned to his former position as organizer of the American Federation of Labor. In 1934 he was elected councilman from District No. 1, North Providence, an office which he is still serving. During 1920-1922 he served in the U. S. Navy as a musician. He is a member of Local Union No. 198 of the American Federation of Musicians.

On February 8, 1926, Mr. Sgambato married Juliet Dandurand. Children: 1. Carmel; 2. Frances.

SAVASTA, Stellario

Manager of F. & M. Finance Co., born in Providence, November 7, 1909, the son of Domenico and Giovanna (Rossi) Savasta, who were born respectively at Messina, and Rome, Italy.

He attended the local public schools and Commercial High School, from

which he graduated in 1927. After completing his education he took up general insurance by entering the employ of Harold Holt & Company. He later was appointed manager of the F. & M. Finance Company, a position which he is still serving to the satisfaction of his superiors and clients.

Active in the civic, social, religious and fraternal affairs of the community he is affiliated with the Roosevelt Lodge, F. & A. M., filling the office of Junior Warden.

On October 5, 1931, Mr. Savasta married Tommasina La Fauci of Providence. Office: 51 Empire Street, Providence, R. I.

STIFANO, Cono V., M.D.

Born in Providence, July 5, 1896, the son of Giuseppe and Angelina (Marino) Stifano. His parents, natives of Cicerale Cilento, Province of Salerno, Italy, immigrated to Rhode Island in 1889.

He attended the local public schools and Morris Heights Preparatory School. He graduated from Rhode Island College of Pharmacy in 1915 with the degree of Ph.G. For two years he held the office of U. S. Narcotic Agent. Later he took up the study of medicine at Missouri College of Medicine and Sciences, graduating with the degree of M.D. in 1927. For three years he served his internship at St. Joseph's Hospital. At present he is medical investigator in the Division of Communicable Disease Control, State Department of Public Health.

He is a member of Loggia Vittoria, Order Sons of Italy; St. Anthony Council, Knights of Columbus. A forceful speaker, at the convention held by Sons of Italy on August 6, 1939, Dr. Stifano spoke eloquently on the life of Giuseppe Carlo Maurani, an Italian who immigrated from Villa-

franca in 1760, and who was second in command to Admiral Hopkins.

On September 23, 1915, Dr. Stifano married Alvina Seneca, a native of Providence. They became the parents of five children: 1. Joseph; 2. Rose; 3. Anthony; 4. Cono, Jr.; 5. Raymond. Address: 590 Charles Street, Providence, R. I.

SCALERA, Vincenzo

Pharmacist; born in Presenzano, Province of Naples, Italy, the son of Carmine and Patrizia (Cozzone) Scalera. He was educated in Presenzano, Naples, and Caserta. After graduating in pharmacy from the University of Naples, he held responsible positions with many leading drug stores. For six years he conducted his own pharmacy in Presenzano. He immigrated to the United States in 1905, settling in Providence. He has worked as pharmacist for F. P. Ventrone and Dr. Luigi Maiello. For many years he was proprietor of Scalera's Pharmacy. At present he is a pharmacist at City Hospital. On April 6, 1900, he married Giulia Villatico. They became the parents of eight children: 1. Samuel, formerly a state senator; 2. Patrizia; 3. Augusto; 4. Nicholas; 5. Flora; 6. Ida; 7. Giuditta; 8. Corrado. Home: 5 Brighton Street, Providence, R. I.

STORTI, Joseph D.

Italian pioneer immigrant and one of the founders of the Italian colony; born in Capriati al Volturno, Province of Campobasso, Italy, November 8, 1865, the son of Domenico and Antonia (Caldarone) Storti, who were born respectively at Capriati al Volturno and Marzano Appio, Italy.

He attended the public schools of his native town until the age of nine, at which time he was brought to Rhode

Island. Upon coming to Providence he attended for a while the local public schools. He kept a shoe repairing store downtown, was one of the first Italians to buy real estate and build houses on Federal Hill, and at one time was also a general contractor.

A life-long resident of Federal Hill he held membership in the Italian Union and Benevolent Society, Rome Society, Italo-American Club and other organizations.

On October 20, 1887, Mr. Storti married Infinita Barone, also a native of Capriati al Volturno, and daughter of Francesco and Infinita Barone. They became the parents of the following: 1. John; 2. Eda; 3. Mrs. Virginia Rotondo; 4. Henry; 5. Mrs. Albena Annicelli; 6. Oresto; 7. Mrs. Dora Giusti.

Mr. Storti died on April 26, 1937, at his home, 124 Balbo Avenue, Providence, R. I.

SENERCHIA, Aldo Vincenzo, B.S.

Registered pharmacist and assistant professor in chemistry; born in Rome, Italy, January 25, 1917, the son of Giovanni Senerchia, M.D., and Ernesta (Pennacchia) Senerchia, who were born respectively at Fornelli and Naples, Italy.

He was educated in the public schools of Warwick and Warwick High School, from which he graduated in 1934; he then entered the Rhode Island College of Pharmacy and Allied Sciences, from which he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Sciences in Pharmacy in 1938.

After completing his studies he became connected as pharmacist with Senerchia's Pharmacy, owned by his uncle, former Representative Vincenzo Senerchia. Mr. Senerchia is on the faculty of the Rhode Island College

of Pharmacy and Allied Sciences, listed as assistant professor in chemistry.

SCOTTI, Caesar

Contractor and builder; born in Monti Procida, Island of Procida, Province of Naples, Italy, March 15, 1895, the son of Salvatore and Assunta Scotti, both natives of the same island.

He attended the public schools of his native town and at the age of ten he was brought to the United States by his step-mother, Margherita (Lubrano) Scotti, to join his father in Providence.

After a brief education in the local public schools, at the age of 13 he began to work in a jewelry factory. At 16 he became an apprentice in the plumbing trade which he followed until he went into business for himself. Twelve years ago he entered the contracting and building business. He has built many houses, garages and service stations scattered throughout Rhode Island.

From 1935 to 1939 he served as official Fish and Game Warden for the State of Rhode Island.

On April 29, 1917, Mr. Scotti married Christine Lubrano, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lubrano. Mr. Lubrano is one of the earliest Italian settlers of Federal Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Scotti are the parents of four children: 1. Susie; 2. Salvatore; 3. Marion; 4. Michael. Office: 97 Parade Street, Providence, R. I.

SANTAGATA, John B.

Proprietor of Colonial Mattress & Upholstering Company; born in Vairano Patenora, Province of Naples, Italy, May 6, 1885, the son of Filomeno and Maria (Di Muccio) Santagata, both natives of the same town.

He attended the public schools of his native town until the age of twelve, at which time he was brought to the United States by his mother to join his father in Providence. Upon his arrival here he attended the local public schools, and after completing the grammar courses he decided to get an early start in life. He first started working on a farm, then he worked in local factories. Next he obtained employment in one of the largest furniture stores of Providence, remaining there for twenty-five years, during which period he became a leading furniture salesman. With the experience and exact knowledge he had gained were reliable guides for him to establish in 1935 his own business, manufacturing furniture, including mattresses and upholstering. The business is carried on under the name of Colonial Mattress and Upholstering Company. His enterprise has flourished exceedingly and is now one of the most important in the city.

Mr. Santagata, regarded as a most progressive and capable business man, is also active in the general life of the community. He is Vice-President of Holy Name Society; Treasurer of San Bartolomeo Society; member of St. Vincent de Paul Society and Modern Woodmen of America.

On July 5, 1906, Mr. Santagata married Maria Domenica Angelone. They are the parents of six children: 1. Joseph, in the wholesale fish business in New York City; 2. Arthur, associated with his father in the business; 3. Philip, associated with his father in the business; 4. Alfredo, a student for the priesthood at the American College, Rome, Italy; 5. John, Jr., a core maker; 6. Marie, a student. Business address: 702 Cranston Street, Providence, R. I. Home: 125 Roosevelt Street, Providence, R. I.

SORRENTINO, Vincent

Prominent jewelry manufacturer, state official, humanitarian, philanthropist, and a leader of the Italo-Americans of Rhode Island; born in Castellammare di Stabia, Province of Naples, Italy, February 22, 1891, the son of Luigi and Anna Maria (Caruso) Sorrentino, natives of the Island of Ischia.

Following an education of a general nature, at the age of 15 he immigrated to the United States, settling in Providence. Upon his arrival in Providence he served his apprenticeship as a jewelry worker and mastered very thoroughly every branch of the trade. But he was an ambitious boy and while working as a jeweler he continued to study by himself, concentrating in broadening his knowledge in the jewelry industry. These early years of experience as a jewelry worker, combined with his natural intelligence and business acumen, gave young Sorrentino the foundation with which to build a business for himself, and in 1912 he organized and started in a small way the Uncas Manufacturing Company.

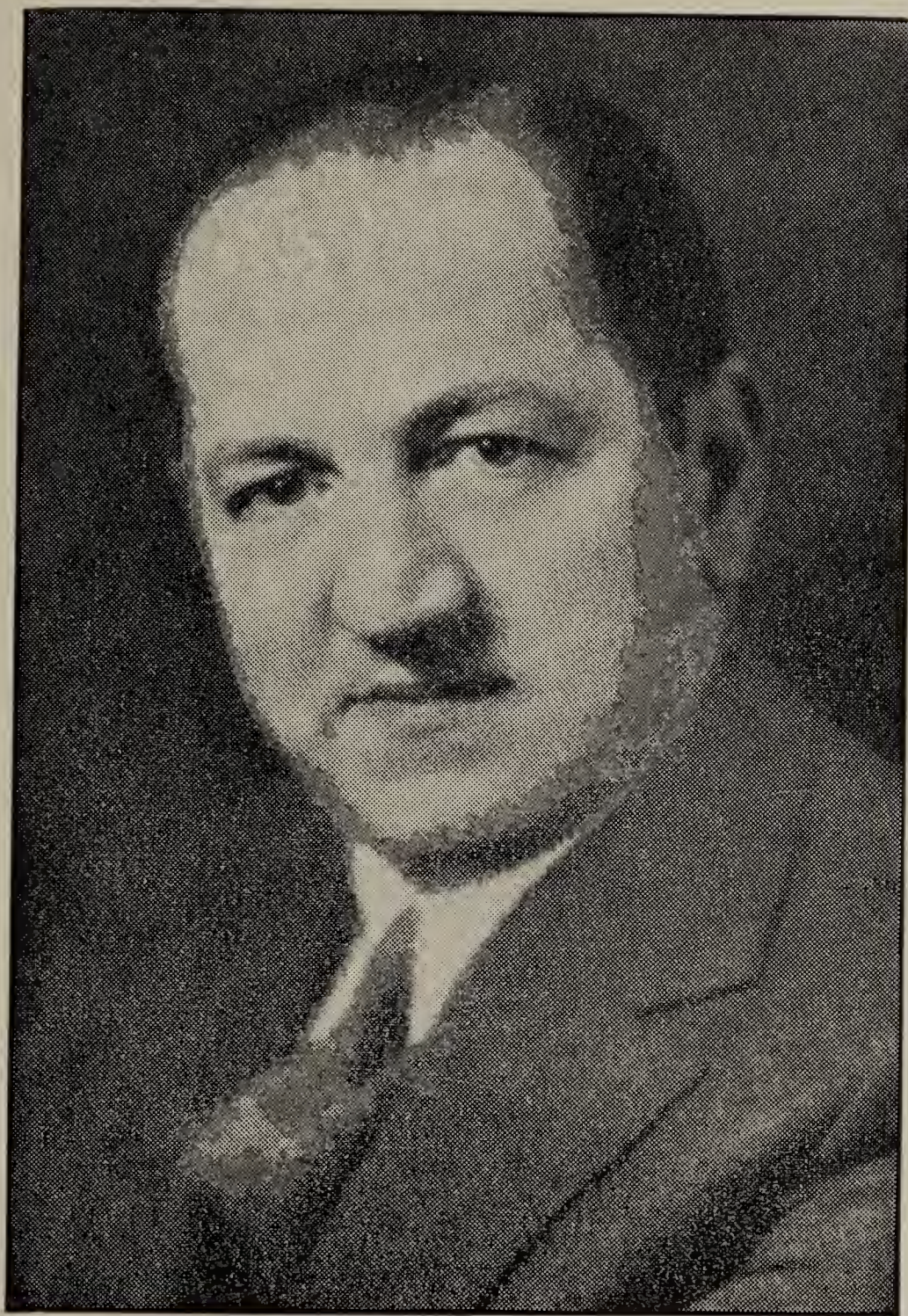
Since establishing the Uncas Manufacturing Company, Vincent Sorrentino has typified completely the rugged, daring and aggressive spirit of American business and industrial initiative. The history of the Uncas Manufacturing Company is a history of the efforts of its founder himself. Started by Mr. Sorrentino at 9 Calendar Street in 1912, it has enjoyed a tremendous growth. As the business developed it moved on Sprague Street, and again when expansion required a new home, on May 11, 1929, it moved to its present plant at 623-631 Atwells Avenue. Today it is housed in one of the most modern jewelry factories in the world, employing as many as 800 employes. The

latest machinery, especially designed ventilating devices, effective manufacturing, marketing and distributing facilities give Uncas Manufacturing Company an advantage that competitors are at a loss to overcome.

Under the remarkable leadership of Vincent Sorrentino, the Uncas Manufacturing Company has become a model in the jewelry industry, setting new standards of equipment, workmanship and quality. The high ideals and sound business principles upon which Mr. Sorrentino has established and maintained the business have won for him not only the respect of the community and the devotion of his employers but a richly deserved recognition from the jewelry industries at large.

Besides being President and Treasurer of the Uncas Manufacturing Company, he is President and Treasurer of the Rhode Island Echo, director of the N. E. Manufacturing Jewelers Board of Trade, N. E. Manufacturing Jewelers and Silversmiths Association and Fashions Jewelers, Inc., of New York.

Deeply interested in welfare and other worthy causes, he is a member of the Board of Federal Hill House, Osteopathic Hospital of Rhode Island, Providence Community Fund, Inc., Hospital Service Corp. of Rhode Island, and Providence Lying-In Hospital. He is a conspicuous figure in the social, fraternal and club circles of the community and is a member of numerous organizations. He is a Past District Chairman, West District Boy Scouts of America; Past President and Treasurer Aurora Club; President, Modern Woodmen of the World; Past Chairman for three consecutive years, West District for the Providence Community Fund Company; Past Chairman for R. I. Red Cross Drive, during Ethiopian campaign. His other affiliations



VINCENT SORRENTINO

include Rotary, Masons, Elks, Sons of Italy.

In recognition of his business ability and integrity of character, and because of his deep interest in the welfare and advancement of the community, on March 16, 1939, he was appointed by Governor William H. Vanderbilt, Director of the Department of Social Welfare for the State of Rhode Island, an office which he most ably fills to the entire satisfaction of the Governor and the general public.

In 1911, Mr. Sorrentino married Katie (Goldstein.) They are the parents of seven children: 1. Anne Marie; 2. Mrs. Loretta Luisa Reinherz; 3. Mrs. Helena Evelyn Monte; 4. Dorothy Edna; 5. Louis Vincent; 6. Gloria Virginia; 7. Stanley Lawrence. Home: 141 Freeman Parkway. Office: 623 Atwells avenue, Providence, R. I.

SANTANGINI, Col. Ernest

Second in command of the Coast Guard Engineers; born in Gissi, Province of Chieti, Italy, January 5, 1896, the son of Nicola and Sofia (Leandro) Santangini. In 1900, he was brought to the United States by his mother to join his father in Providence.

He received his education in the Providence public schools, Technical High School and Brown University, from which he graduated as a civil engineer.

Col. Santangini has had a long and honorable career both as an engineer and as an officer in the military service of the State. He first entered the U. S. Army on September 16, 1918, as second lieutenant of Infantry, serving at Camp Grant, Illinois, and was honorably discharged on December 6, 1918. He then enlisted in the R.I.N.G. when he was appointed a second-lieutenant in the 4th Company, Coast Artillery, on May 23, 1921. On July 1, 1922, he was appointed first-lieutenant.

On January 26, 1925, he was appointed captain. He resigned from the Coast Artillery on October 19, 1925. In March, 1929, he was appointed first-lieutenant in the 118th Engineers, R. I. N. G. On December 1, 1930, he was appointed captain. On October 16, 1932, he was appointed major. On January 3, 1933, he was detailed as an aid de camp on the staff of Gov. Green, serving until January 5, 1937. On April 8, 1938, he was promoted lieutenant-colonel.

Col. Santangini is also a graduate of the Battery Officers' Course at Coast Artillery School, Fortress Monroe, Va. In addition to his military activities, he is employed by the U. S. Government as a civil engineer. At present he is in Washington where he is second in command of the Coast Guard Engineers. Under the proposed expansion of the Army, he may become the first Italo-American General.

In 1933, Col. Santangini married Alice Anderson of Providence. They are the parents of one child: Paul.

SCORPIO, Angelo, M. D.

Born in Providence, September 12, 1896, the son of Giuseppe and Maria Carmina (Carosono) Scorpio.

Attended the Providence public schools; Classical High School; R. I. State College, B.S., 1922; Brown University, M.Sc., 1923; Harvard Medical School, M.D., 1927. Served his internship at the surgical department of Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, Md. He began his active practice in 1928.

Dr. Scorpio is on the surgical staff of the out-patient department at the R. I. Hospital; assistant surgeon at the State Infirmary, Howard, R. I.

Dr. Scorpio is a member of the Providence Medical Society; the R. I. Medical Society. He is a Past Presi-

dent of the Aurora Club; member of the Italo-American Club.

In 1930, Dr. Scorpio married Elsa Tortolani. They are the parents of one son, Raphael Metcalf Scorpio. Office: 236 Broadway, Providence, R. I. (From the 1936 Edition).



ANTHONY SANCHIRICO

SANCHIRICO, Anthony

Prominent jewelry manufacturer and well-known in business circles; born in New York City, May 26, 1895, the son of Leonardo and Antonetta (Viola) Sanchirico, both natives from the Province of Basilicata, Italy.

He attended the public schools of New York City until the age of fourteen at which time his parents moved to Providence. An ambitious youth, full of determination to make a future for himself, upon arriving here he realized from the outset that the great manufacturing jewelry plants of Providence offered a fertile field for future business opportunity. He immediately obtained employment in a local jewelry factory, where he served his apprenticeship and later worked as a skilled craftsman.

When the United States entered the World War, he volunteered for army service in the Yankee Division, serving over seas until he was honorably discharged in May, 1919. Returning to the pursuits of peace, Mr. Sanchirico resumed his occupation in the jewelry trade until 1926, at which time he associated himself with Pasquale Sammartino in the jewelry manufacturing business. A businessman of keen perception, alive to every changing phase of the industry in which he is engaged and an able executive and organizer, he has helped to make the firm of Sammartino and Sanchirico one of the largest and best equipped among leading jewelry establishments.

As co-owner of Samsan Company, one of the largest jewelry concerns, Mr. Sanchirico occupies a leading place among successful Italo-Americans. A genial and generous man, he devotes an immense amount of time to civic and philanthropic movements. He is a member of the Jewelry Board of Trade.

On November 24, 1919, Mr. Sanchirico married Filomena Simonelli, daughter of the late Serafino Simonelli, a well-known retail jeweler from Pontecorvo, Italy. Mrs. Sanchirico is prominent in Italo-American women's educational, patriotic, social and fraternal activities. Mr. and Mrs. Sanchirico are the parents of two children: Silva and Marie. Office: 158 Pine street, Providence, R. I. Home: 13 Belmont avenue, Providence, R. I.

SANTOPIETRO, Frank

Proprietor of Frank's Auto Upholstery Co.; born in Pontecorvo, Province of Frosinone, Italy, December 3, 1887, the son of Tommaso and Concetta (D'Amata) Santopietro, both natives of the same town.

He attended the public schools and Gymnasium of his native town. He

then served his apprenticeship as an upholsterer under his father and followed that trade until as a youth of 15 he immigrated to the United States, settling in Providence. Upon arriving here he worked for various concerns as a skilled upholsterer until 1919 at which time he established his own business on Broadway, specializing in auto tops, seat covers and general upholstery. He conducts his business under the name of Frank's Auto Upholstery Co.

A popular and genial businessman, Mr. Santopietro is one of the founders and an honorary member of Verdi M. F. S. Club; member of Lodge Italia of the Order Sons of Italy.

On May 8, 1908, Mr. Santopietro married Giovannina Cotroneo, a native of Messina, Italy. They are the parents of two children: 1. Mrs. Linda Spirito; 2. Thomas, a foreman at Nick's Auto Body Works. Office: 407 Broadway, Providence, R. I.

SCIOTTI, Danilo

Music teacher, composer and director of orchestra; born in Providence, March 10, 1900, the son of Angelo and Giulia (Radoccia) Sciotti.

As in the case of most of the great masters of music, Maestro Danilo Sciotti began his studies at an early age, entering the Royal Academy of Pesaro, Italy in 1916. His progress was so rapid that at the age of nineteen he was conducting symphonies as assistant to the noted Maestro Del Campo, who later became identified with the famous "La Scala," in Milan, Italy. At twenty-one he became associated with Maestro Mule, now director of the Royal Conservatory at Rome.

Upon his return to his native city, Providence, R. I., he was honored in a series of receptions. Among his first musical ventures was the organization of Providence's first symphony orchestra which gave several successful con-

certs. His group was called the "Providence Philharmonic Society," and was the forerunner of the symphony orchestra which eventually became permanently established. He also organized a symphonic group in Fall River, Mass.

But grand opera was Maestro Sciotti's first concern and he soon devoted his talents to the operatic field, eventually organizing the New England Opera Company, an organization which has already attained distinction in the musical field.

SCALA, Luigi

President of Columbus National Bank, prominent in Italian cultural, fraternal, patriotic, philanthropic and social activities, and a leader of the Italo-Americans of Rhode Island; born in Milazzo, Italy. Following the completion of his commercial studies, he began his active professional career in Italy. In 1910 he immigrated to the United States. In his early American career he held the office of Royal Italian Consular Representative in Louisiana. While there he organized an agricultural co-operative association which was widely supported by Italian farmers in that State. Later he entered the banking business, and held responsible positions in New York City and Jersey City. In 1924 he was connected with the Industrial Trust Company of Providence. He later went to New York, where he assisted in the organization of the Bank of Sicily Trust Company of New York, of which he became vice-president. Cav. Scala returned to Providence in 1934, when he became president of the newly organized Columbus National Bank of Providence. Under his able and dynamic direction this bank has become one of the leading Italo-American financial institutions in New England.

In addition to the important role Cav. Scala has played in Italo-Ameri-

can's financial and business life as head of Columbus National Bank, since he came from New York, has been prominently associated with welfare and civic enterprises and is a leader in promoting Italo-American cultural and patriotic activities.

In 1935 he was elected Grand Venerable of the Order Sons of Italy of Rhode Island, an office which he is still filling with eminent satisfaction. He took a conspicuous part in the erection of a plaque in honor of Da Verrazzano, discoverer of Narragansett Bay, at the State House. His leadership in promoting the study of the Italian language, his part in raising funds for the Italian Red Cross and American Red Cross, and for other philanthropic activities, were prompted by his deep sense of obligations to the public and his duty as a citizen.

In 1920 the Order of Chevalier of the Crown of Italy was conferred upon him by the Italian government, in recognition of his services rendered in cementing Italian-American amity.

In 1930 Cav. Scala married Marjorie Alford McGuire. Mrs. Scala is very active in Italo-American women's social, cultural and philanthropic affairs. Office: 20 Westminster street, Providence, R. I.

SCUNCIO, Joseph

Proprietor of Eagle Park Chevrolet Company, and State official; born in Providence, November 28, 1900, the son of John and Maria Scuncio, both natives of Prata Sannita, Italy.

He received his early education in the Providence public schools and at Morris Heights College Preparatory School. During the World War, he enlisted in the U. S. Navy, serving as chauffeur for the officers of the Bethlehem Ship Building Corporation.

After his discharge from the Navy,

he entered the automobile business, becoming a dealer of Chevrolet cars.

In 1934 he was elected Representative of the 4th District. In June, 1935, he was appointed Commissioner of Police and Fire of the City of Providence, and re-appointed on January 6, 1936, serving until January, 1939. In January, 1939, he was appointed by Governor Vanderbilt as a member of the State Board of Elections.

In 1920, Mr. Scuncio married Vincenza (Lanni) Scuncio. They are the parents of the following: 1. Mary; 2. John; 3. Dorothy; 4. Joseph, Jr.; 5. Jane; 6. Edward. Office: 479 Douglas avenue, Providence, R. I.

SAMMARTINO BROTHERS COMPANY

Jewelry manufacturers. Providence is particularly fortunate in counting among its population an important group of skilled Italian jewelers, whose inclination for jewelry craftsmanship runs through them for generations. This group has taken a leading part in the last two decades in the development of its jewelry industry.

A jewelry manufacturing concern that ranks high in this industry is the Sammartino Brothers Company, an organization made up of three brothers, Achille Sammartino, William Sammartino and Alexander Sammartino. Born craftsmen, these three brothers got together some twenty years ago and established their jewelry concern under the name of Sammartino Brothers Company. Employing at times up to 80 people, the concern is one of the largest and finest solid gold and silver jewelry establishments in Providence.

Achille Sammartino, guiding head of the triumvirate, is a designer and manufacturer of high art jewelry, with a penchant for painting and sculpture.

William Sammartino, in addition to being an engraver of the highest order,

is also listed on the instruction staff of the R. I. School of Design, where he teaches letter and ornamental engraving.

Alexander Sammartino, in addition to being foreman of the Sammartino Brothers Company, is also active in giving personal attention to the details in conducting its office.

The Sammartino brothers are prominent throughout the jewelry industry and in civic affairs. Office: 185 Eddy street, Providence, R. I.

SCHIFINO, Leonardo A.

Pioneer immigrant and one of the founders of the Italian colony of East Providence; born in Rionero in Vulture, Province of Basilicata, Italy, November 22, 1868, the son of Pasquale and Maria Michela (Giammatteo) Schifino. When a lad he was brought to the United States by his parents, who settled in Pennsylvania. Upon his arrival there he was put to work with a large construction concern. He started in a humble way, but soon showed himself to be of value to his employer, who recognized his alert mind and consistent attention to work. He was promoted to labor foreman, an occupation which he followed with many concerns who took contracts in Pennsylvania. He moved to Rhode Island in 1891, settling in East Providence. Upon his arrival there he worked as construction foreman for various concerns, including the O'Bannon Manufacturing Company branch in East Providence, and then went into business for himself as a sewer contractor. He retired twenty years ago.

A fine type of an American citizen, he is one of the founders of the Italian Catholic Church of East Providence. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Fedepatria e Lavoro Club of East Providence, and Basilicata Society of Providence.

On April 23, 1890, Mr. Schifino married in Johnstown, Pa., Maddalena Traficante, also a native of Rionero in Vulture, Italy. They are the parents of nine children: 1. Mrs. Maria Prisco; 2. Pasquale; 3. Mrs. Della Traficante; 4. Mrs. Madeline Saracino; 5. Mrs. Pasqualina Nardoza; 6. Charles; 7. Joseph; 8. Lucy, a school teacher; 9. Daniel.

Mr. and Mrs. Schifino celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 21, 1940, with a banquet and reception given by their nine children. More than 125 relatives and friends attended the affair. Rev. John Rubba, O.P., of Providence College, gave the invocation. Home: 76 Lyon avenue, East Providence, R. I.

STORTI, Herman

Flutist; born in Capriati al Volturno, December 22, 1884, Province of Campobasso, Italy, the son of Francesco and Maddalena (Mancini) Storti, who were born respectively, at Capriati al Volturno, and Venafro, Italy. When an infant he was brought to Rhode Island by his parents.

As a musician and soloist in flute, Mr. Storti has been a popular figure at the old Providence Opera House and in band concerts at Roger Williams Park. He has been a flutist with the American Band, Vessella Band, Creatore Band and with many other famous musical organizations, and has played in some of the leading theatres throughout the United States.

Mr. Storti is regarded as one of the leading soloists in flute in the United States.

SCIALO, Luigi

Owner of Scialo Bros. Bakery, one of the largest and finest stores of its kind in New England, specializing in high grade Italian bread, fancy and

delicious Italian pastries, confectionery and wedding cakes. See also Page 86, First Edition, *Italo-Americans of Rhode Island*, 1936. Address: 257 Atwells avenue, Providence, R. I.

TRAFICANTE, Michael A.

General contractor; born at Rionero in Vulture, Province of Basilicata, Italy. April 8, 1883, the son of Frank and Maria (Gammino) Traficante. His father, who immigrated to the United States for the first time in 1872, was one of the early pioneer immigrants from Basilicata.

In 1894 when a small boy he was brought to these shores by his parents. At an early age he began to work with the J. W. Bishop Construction Company. There he acquired the foundation upon which he has built a successful business career, and at such times as he could spare he attended the evening public schools. He later worked for his uncle, Frank Gammino, a pioneer Italian contractor, where at the age of eighteen he rose to the position of foreman. Finally, in 1916, he established his own general contracting business. He has done considerable public works not only in Rhode Island, but also throughout New England. He specializes in water works and sewer constructions.

Mr. Traficante is a member of the Elks and Basilicata Society.

Mr. Traficante married Anna (Cirillo) Traficante, in 1901. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Frank, foreman, associated with his father; 2. Joseph, estimator and bookkeeper, associated with his father; 3. Charles, operating engineer, associated with his father; 4. Leonard, operating engineer, associated with his father; 5. Vincent, timekeeper and truck operator, associated with his father; 6. Mrs. Maria (Traficante)

Wahl; 7. Agnes, a student at Central High School. Office: 20 Delaine street, Providence, R. I.

TRIANGOLO, Giovanni

Retired contractor and well-known religious worker; born in Venafrò, Italy, October 13, 1866, the son of Liborio and Vincenza (Revella) Triangolo.

During the Abyssinian campaign in 1887-88, he served in the Royal Italian Army, first assigned to the infantry, and later to the engineers. He was honorably discharged in 1890 with the rank of Corporal Major. He immigrated to the United States in 1895, settling in Providence.

He has spent his career as a contractor and is one of the founders of the First Italian Baptist Church. He is very active in religious and fraternal work in the Charles street section.

On January 7, 1895, Mr. Triangolo married Lucia Taccarone.

TROIANO (Trione), Joseph

Associated with his brother, Alfred, in the ownership of Clarke & Wood Company, printers; born in Pollutri, Province of Chieti, Italy, February 21, 1897, the son of Domenico and Rose (Martini) Troiano, also natives of Pollutri.

He was educated in the local public schools and began his career in the printing trade in some of the leading printing establishments of Providence. Some few years ago, Mr. Troiano, (Trione), purchased the plant of Clarke & Wood Company, an old printing establishment founded in 1898.

This plant is perfectly equipped with machinery and material to execute the finest line of commercial, booklets, circulars and color work printing.

Joseph Troiano (Trione), conducts the printing business under the old

name of Clarke & Wood Company in joint ownership with his brother, Alfred Troiano (Trione) at 15 Snow street, Providence, R. I.

TANCREDI, Julio

Music teacher; born in Providence, July 21, 1917, the son of Giovanni and Lucia (Favoccia) Tancredi. His parents are natives of Pontecorvo, Province of Frosinone, Italy. His father is Director of the Tripoli Marine Band.

He attended the local public schools and Technical High School. At a very early age, he studied music under Maestro D'Orsi and other outstanding teachers, specializing as a cornet player and cornet teacher. Afterwards he went to Boston, perfecting his training under the well known Mager, first cornetist of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Studio: 34 Lowell avenue, Providence, R. I.

TURINI, Giovanni

Manufacturer; born in Palestrina, Province of Rome, Italy, December 8, 1896, the son of Celeste and Agata Turini, who were born respectively at Palestrina, and Subiaco, Italy.

He attended the public schools of his native town and then studied at the Municipal School of Design, where he specialized in technical mechanics, graduating from this school at the age of eighteen.

Following the completion of his studies, he immigrated to the United States. His first job was repairing wagons at Lynn, Mass. After a few months, he moved to Providence, in which city he followed the trade of mechanic for various leading concerns.

A skilled technical mechanic, he followed his natural bent in establishing in 1937 a plant of his own under the name of United Shoe Ornament Company, for the manufacture of all kinds

of shoe ornaments, including the manufacture of special tools and machinery.

Mr. Turini is a member of McAllister Post, and active in the religious work of the parish of St. Bartolomeo Church.

On January 21, 1917, Mr. Turini married Elia Ronci. They became the parents of two children: 1. George, a toolmaker, associated with his father; 2. Silvia, a student.

Mr. Turini, proprietor of United Shoe Ornament Company, maintains his office at 35 Tripoli street, Cranston, R. I.

TESTA, Carl

Police justice; born in Providence, July 16, 1904, the son of Alfonso and Maria Giovanna Testa, both natives of Prata Sannita, Province of Campobasso, Italy.

He attended the local public schools and English High School, graduating in 1923; he then studied at Boston University College of Business Administration; subsequently he enrolled at Boston University Law School, graduating with the degree of LL.B. in 1927. He has been practicing law since 1928.

He holds the office of Judge of the Police Court of the City of Providence, since 1935, discharging the duties with ability and fidelity, and at the same time enjoying the esteem of the public.

Judge Testa is a prominent member of the Knights of Columbus, having gained his 4th degree in Bishop Hendricken Assembly. He is also Grand Knight of St. Anthony Council, No. 1618, K. C. He is a member of Justinian Club of Boston University, and Alpha Phi Delta, national Italian fraternity of Boston University. He is also a member of Rhode Island Bar Association, Italo-American Club, Vittoria Lodge, Order Sons of Italy,

Italo-American Citizens Club and other organizations.

On October 9, 1935, Judge Testa married Liberina Viola Cipriano, of Providence. Office: 1904 Industrial Trust Building, Providence, R. I.

TURILLI, Nicholas

Mastercraftsman; born in San Giovanni Lipioni, Province of Chieti, Italy, the son of Michele Antonio and Antonietta (Rossi) Turilli, also natives of the same town. He acquired the hand wood carving art from his father in his native town and where his ancestors were also skilled craftsmen.

At the age of 13 he went to Vasto to serve his apprenticeship in wood carving, artistic furniture making and interior decorating. After completing his apprenticeship, he worked as master craftsman in various parts of Italy. From the time he immigrated to the United States in 1924, his work has attracted wide attention. While in Providence, he has worked for William C. Fisher Company, Merriam Company and other high grade concerns.

In the past few years Mr. Turilli has been engaged in a business of his own, specializing in wood carving, fine furniture making, antique reproductions, furniture repairing and refinishing, upholstery, drapery cornices and valances carved, painted and decorated, repairing and regilding of antique frames, all types of carved mirrors frames made, etc.

Mr. Turilli is a member of St. Anthony Society.

In 1915, Mr. Turilli married in Italy, Maria Di Pasquale, a native of Buenos Aires of Italian parentage. They became the parents of three children: 1. Mrs. Clelia Beneduce; 2. Michael Anthony, associated with his father; 3. Duilio. Address: 128 North Main street, Providence, R. I.



NICHOLAS TROPEA

TROPEA, Nicholas

Artistic designer; born in Cosenza, Italy, August 27, 1881, the son of Giuseppe and Maria (Percacciante) Tropea, both natives of the same town.

He attended the public schools and Technical school of his native town. He later went to Naples where he attended the Royal Technical Institute. Thereafter he enrolled at the Royal University of Naples and received his degree of Civil Engineer from Scuola d'Applicazione degli Ingegneri in 1908.

In 1909, then twenty-eight years old, Mr. Tropea came to the United States, settling in New York City. There he worked as draftsman for Eagle Construction Company of Brooklyn. Following his natural bent which he first showed when he attended the technical school, four years later he entered the jewelry designing and modeling field. He first worked for Osmer & Dougherty Company, manufacturing jewelers; then worked for Steel & Gir-dany, a platinum and diamonds concern. In 1911 he went into business for himself designing new creations for

diamonds and platinum jewelry concerns. In 1931 he moved to Providence to organize the white metal department of Cohn & Rosenberg. In 1932 he established his own business in Providence, specializing in artistic designs for jewelry. He formerly published Tropea's Fashion in Platinum Mountings.

Mr. Tropea is well and favorably known in the jewelry circles of Providence, Attleboro, New York, Chicago and Newark.

On June 1, 1907, Mr. Tropea married Enrichetta Borgo-Caratti, member of an old and noble Milanese family. Mrs. Tropea died in Providence, May 25, 1936. Mr. and Mrs. Tropea became the parents of two children: 1. Marcello, a lawyer; 2. Amilcare, a jewelry sample maker. Office: 212 Union street, Providence, R. I.

TRAMONTI, John

Proprietor of Tramonti Ford Sales & Service Company; born in Bovino, Province of Foggia, Italy, June 18, 1896, the son of Donato and Carmela (Trevisano) Tramonti, who came to the United States when he was four years of age.

He attended the public schools of Providence until he was sixteen years old, at which time he entered the employ of a printing shop, learning the printer's trade. In 1916 he took up the automobile business, forming an association with his brother, James Tramonti. In 1924 he organized and established an automobile business of his own, which he conducts under the name of Tramonti Ford Sales & Service Company, where he is a dealer of high grade Ford cars and maintains a complete sales and filling service. With offices and salesrooms at 365-369

Broadway, Providence, the establishment over which Mr. Tramonti presides is one of the most successful and most capably conducted enterprises of its type in the Broadway section.

Mr. Tramonti is a popular and genial young businessman, and gives a goodly portion of his time to civic, social and fraternal activities.

Mr. Tramonti married in 1917, Anna Tamalleo, and they are the parents of four children: 1. Donald; 2. John, Jr.; 3. Ruth; 4. Verna.

JOHN TRAMONTI, JR., a promising son of Mr. and Mrs. John Tramonti, is a striking example of how the sons of Italian immigrants are able to rise to positions of prominence through sheer intelligence, devotion to study and hard work.

Young Johnny, a native of Providence, attended the local public schools and La Salle Academy, from which he graduated in 1939. At the age of twelve, he started taking courses in art at the R. I. School of Design, and when he entered La Salle Academy, he did a lot of work making portraits for students. He cartooned, too, for the Academy monthly publication, and when he reached Providence College last fall he became Art editor of the year book and the weekly paper. Johnny designed sets for the college dramatics society as a side line.

Recently, young Johnny won a test for a tryout as an animator at "Cartoonist's Paradise"—the Walt Disney land of the Silly Symphony, Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck. A thousand students apply at the Disney studios every year, and only a few of them get a chance to go to school there. Johnny is one of the lucky few who won the test and he is now at the Disney's studios in Hollywood completing his studies for his chosen career.



MARCELLO A. TROPEA

TROPEA, Marcello A.

Lawyer; born in Brooklyn, N. Y., January 3, 1912, the son of Nicholas and Enrichetta Borgo-Caratti, who were born respectively, at Cosenza, and Milan, Italy. His father, a civil engineer, is now well known as an outstanding jewelry designer and modeler.

Mr. Tropea received his preliminary education in the elementary schools and High School of Brooklyn. Subsequently he attended Brown University. While at Brown he studied Italian under the late Professor de Salvio, and was prominent in the activities of the Italian Club of Brown University. After his college work, he entered New York University Law School, from which he received the degree of LL.B. On May 6, 1940, he was admitted to practice law in Rhode Island. Office: 908 Union Trust Building, Providence, R. I.

TACCONE, Mary

Union official. Among the young well-known Italo-American women of Rhode Island and also well and favor-

ably known in other sections of New England is Mary Taccone, now a union official connected with the American Federation of Labor. The labor movement and the betterment of the working people, in particular, has enlisted her hearty support, and her activities have contributed much to the advancement of this cause.

Miss Taccone was born in Providence, November 2, 1912, the daughter of Vito and Maria (Pescarino) Taccone, both natives of Sesto Campano, Province of Campobasso, Italy. After completing the Esek Hopkins Grammar School, she entered the employ of the Wanskuck Mill as a textile operative. While a mill hand, her deep interest in labor conditions and in the recognized spheres of women's efforts brought her prominently to the public attention.

In 1937 she resigned from the Wanskuck Mill to become Vice-president of the Federation of Woolen and Worsted Workers of America, an organization affiliated with the United Textile Workers of America and American Federation of Labor. Widely known throughout Rhode Island, she is regarded as one of the most able young women with the local American Federation of Labor.

TREMENTOZZI, Gaetano

Businessman; born in San Giovanni Incarico, Province of Frosinone, Italy, September 8, 1897, the son of Giuseppe and Camilla Victoria Rosati Trementozzi. His father came to the United States in 1897, and was one of the earliest immigrants from San Giovanni Incarico to settle in Providence. In 1898, when Gaetano was an infant, he was brought to the United States by his mother to join his father in Providence.

He attended the local public schools, and at the age of fourteen he went to

work in a jewelry factory, where he remained two years. He then entered the employ of the American Screw Machine Corporation, to learn the machinist trade. He worked at his trade until 1924, at which time he went into business for himself, starting the Valley Street Garage, engaged in a complete service of auto repairing, storage, battery and gasoline filling station. An ambitious and capable man, Mr. Tremmentozzi has been very successful in his enterprise.

On January 1, 1923, Mr. Tremmentozzi, married Mabel Emilia Sutcliffe of Providence. They are the parents of three children: 1. Loreta; 2. Evelyn; 3. Dorothy. Business address: 332-334 Valley street, Providence, R. I.

TARTAGLINO, Alfred M., M.D.

Born in Newport, R. I., July 31, 1905, the son of Eugene and Josephine (Monticone) Tartaglino, both natives of Alessandria, Piedmont, Italy. His parents came to Newport in 1898.

He attended St. Joseph's Parochial School and St. Joseph's High School, from which he graduated in 1923. He then entered Georgetown University, where he completed both college and medical school, graduating with the degree of B.S. and M.D., in 1929.

Dr. Tartaglino served his internship at the Georgetown University Hospital.

He began his active practice of medicine in Newport in 1930.

Dr. Tartaglino is on the surgical staff and also an anesthetist at Newport Hospital.

Dr. Tartaglino's professional and social affiliations include the American Medical Association, Rhode Island Medical Society, American Medico-Legal Association of Massachusetts, Rotary Club, Newport Medical Society of which he is Secretary; Mian-

tonomi Club and Italo-American Club of Newport.

On June 28, 1930, Dr. Tartaglino married in Washington, D. C., Virginia Crabill, a native of Roanoke, Va. They are the parents of two children: 1. Joseph; 2. Joanne. Office: 75 Pelham street, Newport, R. I.

TROPPOLI, Daniel V., M.D.

Born in Providence, October 25, 1901, the son of Pasquale and Catherine (Anastasia) Troppoli.

Dr. Troppoli was educated in the Providence public schools and at Classical High School, from which he graduated in 1919, receiving the Classical High School scholarship for Brown as leading man of his class. At Brown University he achieved many scholastic honors, including the first prize, President's Premium in Latin; first prize, President's Premium in Greek; first prize, Foster Premium in Greek; was appointed Francis Wayland Scholar, in 1921; James Manning Scholar, in 1922; James Manning Scholar, in 1923; was elected to Phi Beta Kappa honorary scholastic society in his junior year; elected to Sigma Xi, the honorary scientific society in 1923; received Final Honors in Biology and was graduated with the degree of A.B. and A.M., in 1923. Thereafter he enrolled at Harvard Medical School, from which he graduated with the degree of M.D., in 1927. While there he won three scholarships. Immediately following the completion of his medical studies he was appointed neurological house officer at Massachusetts General Hospital; medical house officer at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital; resident physician at Rhode Island Hospital; surgical house officer at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital.

He began the active practice of medicine in Providence in 1930.

Dr. Troppoli is surgical interne,

Out Patient Department, Rhode Island Hospital; visiting surgeon, Out-Patient Department, Miriam Hospital; Assistant visiting surgeon, Urological Department, Charles V. Chapin Hospital; visiting surgeon, Urological Out-Patient Department, Charles V. Chapin Hospital; courtesy staff at St. Joseph's and Homeopathic Hospitals; physician to State Home and School and Sockanosset School.

Dr. Troppoli's professional affiliations include the Providence and R. I. Medical Societies; Malpighi Medical Club. He is also affiliated with the Phi Kappa Fraternity and is a Captain in the M. C., R. I. N. G. and U.S.A. Reserve Corps. He is a member of the Aurora and Italo-American Clubs.

In September, 1934, Dr. Troppoli married Catherine Buxton Webster of Bradford, Mass. They are the parents of one daughter, Jane. Office: 380 Broadway. (From the 1936 Edition).

TUMMILLO, Peter P.

Sales Manager; born in Trenton, N. J., February 10, 1900, the son of Nicola and Angela Maria Tummillo, both natives of Rapone, Province of Basilicata, Italy.

He attended the public schools of Rapone until the age of 11, at which time he was brought to Trenton by his father. Upon returning to Trenton he attended the local public schools and Rider's Business College.

Mr. Tummillo's experience and training with many concerns qualified him very well for the position of salesman which he accepted in 1935 for Browne Vintners Co., Inc., wine and spirit importers of New York. Immediately he proved himself a man of ability and was transferred to Boston as District Manager in charge of the Massachusetts district.

In 1929 Mr. Tummillo married Zoe Masciantoni, a native of Rome, Italy.

They became the parents of two children: 1. Gloria; 2. Zoe.

Mr. Tummillo is affiliated with the following business, social and fraternal organizations: Italian business and professional men of Trenton; Commercial Travelers Association; B.P.O. Elks; Italian Chamber of Commerce of New England. Office: Statler Building, 20 Providence street, Boston, Mass.

URSILLO, Antonio

Prominent in religious and fraternal circles of the North End section; born in Marzano Appio, Province of Naples, Italy, the son of Carmine and Maria Antonia (Caldarone) Ursillo.

He attended the public schools of his native town and the Industrial School of Aversa. When a young man he immigrated to the United States, settling in Providence. For many years thereafter he worked at many jobs in various industries. In 1909 he went into the business of bowling alleys. He was a charter member and past chief ranger of Court Savoy, Foresters of America. He was a supreme trustee of the Foresters of America. Besides being a trustee of St. Ann's Church, he is also a member of the Holy Name Society. He took an active part in raising funds for the sufferers of the San Francisco and Messina earthquakes, in 1906, and 1908.

On May 12, 1896, Mr. Ursillo married Maria Annina Di Fazio, a native of Alvito, Italy.

VIGLIOTTI, Edward

General contractor; born in Maddaloni, Province of Naples, Italy, October 31, 1908, the son of Michele and Teresina (Tagliaferro) Vigliotti, also natives of Maddaloni.

As a small child he was brought to this country by his mother in 1913, to

join his father in Providence, who had immigrated some years previously.

He attended the public schools of Providence, graduating from the Manton Avenue Grammar School. At the age of 14 he went to work for his father, an experienced mason, from whom he learned the mason trade. The advantages of a thorough training in masonry and construction work from his father, were reflected in the after work of young Edward Vigliotti. On the death of his father in 1935, he established himself in the contracting business, in which he has continued since then. He specializes in all forms of masonry and heavy cement work and ranks as one of the leaders of its type in Rhode Island. Mr. Vigliotti, an enterprising and promising young man, is the sole proprietor and directing head of this concern.

He is a member of the 6th Ward Italo-American Club.

On September 26, 1932, Mr. Vigliotti married Marianna De Cubellis, a native of Marzano Appio. They became the parents of three children: 1. Michele; 2. Edward, Jr.; 3. Joseph. Office: 785 Manton avenue, Providence, R. I.

VALENTINO, Vito

Businessman; born in Rocchetta al Volturno, Province of Campobasso, Italy, April 10, 1879, the son of Servideo and Maria (Pontarelli) Valentino, also natives of Rocchetta al Volturno. His father was one of the founders of the Eagle Park section.

Attended public schools of his native town. At the age of twelve he was brought to the United States by his father. Has always lived at the Eagle Park section. Has been engaged in diversified occupations. For many years conducted a hay and grain business. For the past six years has been engaged in conducting a gasoline filling station.

On May 28, 1905, Mr. Valentino married Carolina De Lisi. Children: 1. Giuseppe; 2. Maria; 3. Antonetta; 4. Servideo. Home: 36 Messina street, Providence, R. I.

VELLELLA, Elizabeth Ann

Music teacher and organist; born in Providence, the daughter of Pasquale and Carmela (Paiano) Vellella.

She attended the local public schools and English High School. At an early age she studied music, specializing in piano, spending one year under Mrs. Mary Fitzpatrick. She then studied under Prof. Leonard P. Smith, former organist of Blessed Sacrament Church. She afterwards studied under the late Prof. Louis P. Willemin, organist of St. Peter and Paul's Cathedral.

Miss Vellella, well-known in musical circles, began teaching piano and organ when only 16. Since then she has had large classes and has given many successful recitals. Studio: 118 Almy street, Providence, R. I.

VIOLA, Anthony, Jr.

General contractor and public official; born in Middletown, Conn., February 15, 1910, the son of Antonio and Modestina (Masi) Viola, both natives of Sipicciano, Italy.

After attending the Providence public schools and Classical High School, at the age of 16 he learned the carpenter trade and followed it until 1933, at which time he started in business for himself as a general contractor. A popular and promising young businessman, his building operations are extensive and scattered throughout the State.

A staunch Democrat, in 1936 he was elected Councilman from the 13th Ward. In 1938 he was re-elected and is serving his term to the entire approval of his constituents and friends.

He is a member of the Italo-American Club and lodge Dante Alighieri, Order Sons of Italy.

On January 29, 1940, Mr. Viola married Alice Natal, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Romeo Natal of Providence. Office: 14 Slocum street, Providence, R. I.



ROBERT VALENTINI

VALENTINI, Roberto F.

Photographer; born in Sant' Apollinare, Province of Frosinone, Italy, April 15, 1896, the son of Giovanni and Antonia (Riccardi) Valentini, who were born respectively, at Sant' Apollinare and Sant' Ambrogio, Italy.

He attended the public schools of his native town. At 17, he immigrated to the United States, settling first at Montreal, Canada, where he served an apprenticeship in photography. For eleven years he worked as a photographer in that city. In 1922 he went back to Italy to visit his parents. Upon his return to the United States in 1923 he settled in Boston, where he worked for three years. In 1926 he came to Providence to establish his own business,

Valentini Studio, which under his direction has continued to thrive, keeping abreast with modern photographic advancement.

On September 24, 1928, Mr. Valentini married Gelsomina Di Carlo, a native of Forli del Sannio, Italy. They became the parents of three children: 1. Roberto Edmondo; 2. Walter Rudolph; 3. Norma Vilma. Photographic studio: 277 Atwells avenue, Providence, R. I.

VENEZIALE, Joseph

Assistant United States District Attorney; born in Isernia, Province of Campobasso, Italy, January 15, 1892, the son of Luigi and Carolina (di Placido) Veneziaie.

He was brought to the United States by his mother in 1896, to join his father in Providence, who had immigrated some years previously. He attended the Providence public schools and the Law School of the University of Valpairaso, Indiana, from which he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Law in 1914.

During the World War he served in the United States Army at Camp Mead, Maryland, and was honorably discharged as sergeant in January, 1919.

Mr. Veneziaie was admitted to the R. I. bar in 1915.

For eight years, Mr. Veneziaie was a member of the State Legislature, representing loyally the wishes of his constituents. During 1933-34 he was vice-chairman of the Judiciary Committee. In 1934 he was appointed to the post of U. S. District Attorney, an office which he ably fills to the entire satisfaction of the people.

A staunch Democrat and an eloquent speaker, he has rendered to this city and the State of his adoption public service of value and devotion.

Mr. Veneziaie is a member of the

R. I. Bar Association; member of the American Legion and honorary member of Veterans of Foreign Wars. Office: 87 Weybosset street, Providence, R. I.

VERRECCHIA, Guido

Jewelry designer; and ALFIO VERRECCHIA, commercial designer; twins, born in Providence, June 16, 1911, the sons of Giuseppe and Filomena (Coia) Verrecchia, both natives of Filignano, Province of Campobasso, Italy. The father served in the Royal Italian Army, during the First World War, was made prisoner while in active service and honorably discharged because classed as an invalid on January 20, 1919.

Guido Verrecchia attended the local public schools until he was sixteen years of age, when he became an apprentice in jewelry designing. At the same time he entered the Rhode Island School of Design, where he studied jewelry designing under Angelo Del Sesto. For the past seven years he has been with Cohn & Rosenberg Company, engaged as a designer and supervisor of jewelry models.

Alfio Verrecchia attended the local public schools until he was sixteen years of age, when he began to work in a jewelry factory. A few years later he gave up his position and entered the Rhode Island School of Design, devoting his entire time to the study of fine arts under Professor John R. Frazier, graduating in 1937. For two years he also attended the summer school at Provincetown, Mass., under the same professor.

For the past few years Alfio Verrecchia has been engaged as artist designer for the Paramount Line Inc.

VICARIO, Raphael

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ZAINO, Nicholas

Businessman; born in Popoli, Province of Aquila, Italy, December 23, 1904, the son of Frank and Angiolina (Antonucci) Zaino.

Young Zaino attended the public schools of his native town until 1913, at which time he was brought to the United States by his mother to join his father in Boston, who had immigrated some years previously. He attended the public schools of Boston until the age of fourteen, at which time he started life as a messenger boy for the Western Union Telegraph Company. He later obtained employment as repair man for fountain pens. As his interest for fountain pens grew, he was able to establish a business of his own in Boston.

In 1929 he removed to Providence to work as a repair man for fountain pens. In 1932 he again started business for himself in Providence, doing business under the name of Royal Pen Shop, where he specializes in the sale and repair work of the finest fountain pens of all makes.

Mr. Zaino is active in civic, social and fraternal organizations. He was formerly Financial Secretary of the Knights of Columbus, Council No. 1618, later becoming its Treasurer.

In 1928, Mr. Zaino married Anna G. Cocozza. They became the parents of three children: 1. Angie; 2. Frank. 3. Carol Ann.

The Royal Pen Shop, of which Mr. Zaino is the proprietor, is at 5 Arcade, Providence, R. I.

ZAMPINI, Louis M.

General contractor; born in Providence, January 10, 1912, the son of Antonio and Lucia Zampini, who were born respectively, at Frosolone, and Arienzo, Italy.

He attended the local public schools and Technical High School, from



LOUIS M. ZAMPINI

which he graduated in 1928. He then took up a course in architecture at the Rhode Island School of Design.

He worked at the carpenter trade in his early years, and continued to work for local contractors and builders, and gained a thorough knowledge of the contracting business. In 1931 he established a general contracting business on his own account. He has been very successful and has done a very large part of excellent work throughout the State. Mr. Zampini has renovated the home of Achille Sammartino. He has erected the homes of Paul P. Pederzani, William Sammartino, Domenico Dolce. Other homes of which he has built are numerous. Sound, practical, common sense has governed his construction work and has won the satisfaction of his clients.

Mr. Zampini, a popular and promising young man, is a member of the Italo-American Club of Rhode Island.

On September 25, 1937, Mr. Zampini married Emily Mroz of Providence. Office: 191 Academy Avenue, Providence, R. I.

ZAINETTI, Dante

Business man and veteran of the World War; born in Fano, Province of Pesaro, Italy, April 15, 1892, the son of Giovanni and Anna (Pucci) Zainetti, both natives of the same town.

He attended the public schools, the Gymnasium and other higher institutions of learning in his native town. When he reached the military age, he joined the Royal Italian Army, and assigned to the 27th Regiment Milano Artillery. At the outbreak of the war he went to the front, where his regiment served with the 3rd Army Corps under the command of H. R. H. the Duke of Aosta. He was wounded at the battle of St. Michele in the Carso sector. He was honorably discharged in 1919 with the grade of corporal major.

Following his discharge, he immigrated to the United States, settling in Providence. For many years he was employed as clerk at the Columbus Bank until a few years ago, at which time he opened his own Foreign Exchange office at the North End section, under the name of Zainetti Loan Company.

He is a member of the Loggia Vittoria, Order Sons of Italy, and Italo-American Citizens Club.

In 1919, Mr. Zainetti married in Italy Armida Travaglini. They became the parents of two children: 1. Lydia; 2. Irma. Office: 587 Charles Street, Providence, R. I.

ZANFAGNA, Filomeno Michael

Landscape Gardener; born in Vairano Patenora, Province of Naples, Italy, March 12, 1884, the son of Emilio and Geltrude (De Angelis) Zanfagna, both natives of the same towns.

He attended the public schools of his native town until the age of four-

teen, at which time he went to work for his father learning the gardener trade. In 1900 he immigrated to the United States, settling in Providence. Upon arriving in Providence he worked his way as a landscape gardener for a few years until he established his own business. In addition to his major business as a landscape gardener and in raising flowers, he also specializes in evergreens, trees, shrubs, the sale of loam and turf at reasonable prices, and flower bed designs. Mr. Zanfagna is known throughout the aristocratic residential sections of Rhode Island and Cape Cod for the high class of his work.

He is a member of Piave Society, Order Sons of Italy.

On September 23, 1906, Mr. Zanfagna married Mariannina Darezzo, a native of Vairano Patenora. They became the parents of the following children: Emilio, a gardner; 2. Mrs. Linda Damiani; 3. Mrs. Alba De Fusco; 4. Arturo; 5. Alberto; 6. Rosa; 7. Edmondo; 8. Arduino; 9. Mariannina; 10. Geltrude. Business address 454 Union Avenue, Providence, R. I.

ZAMMARELLI, Anna M.

Registered Nurse; born in Cicerale Cilento, Province of Salerno, Italy, the daughter of Nicola and Theresa (Lamb) Zammarelli.

When a little child, in 1912, she was brought here by her mother to join her father in Providence. She attended the Providence public schools and Hope High School, from which she graduated in 1930. She then entered the Rhode Island Hospital, where she became a graduate nurse in 1933. She became a registered nurse in the same year. She is also a registered nurse in the States of New York and Pennsylvania.

After becoming a registered nurse

she has had experience as office nurse, district nurse and has served at Wal-lum Lake Sanitarium. She has been serving at the Charles V. Chapin Hospital since June, 1939.

She is a member of Senior Choir of St. Ann's Church; Daughters of Isabella of St. Ann; for fifteen years has been member of Neighborhood Center; Rhode Island Council of Italian Women; Alumni Nursing Association. She is very prominent in nursing activities. Home: 97 Yorkshire Street, Providence, R. I.

ZINNO, Gennarino R., M.D.

Born in Marzano Appio, Province of Naples, Italy, April 1, 1911, the son of Marcellino and Giulia (Petisci) Zinno.

When an infant he was brought to the United States by his mother to join his father in Providence.

He attended the local public schools and St. Ann's Parochial School; Classical High School, 1929; Providence College, B.Sc. 1933; Georgetown University School of Medicine, M.D., 1937. He served his internship at Garfield Memorial Hospital, Washington, D. C.; resident physician at Rhode Island State Infirmary, from July, 1938, to January, 1939; interne and later assistant superintendent at Charles V. Chapin Hospital, from January, 1, 1939, to September, 1939.

He began active practice of medicine on December 1, 1939.

While at Providence College he was an active member of Aquino Literary Club; at Georgetown he was a member of the Lambda Phi Mu Medical Fraternity. He is a member of Lodge Vittoria, order Sons of Italy; Providence Medical Society.

On November 15, 1939, Dr. Zinno married Tina J. Ricciardi of Providence. Office: 338 Branch Avenue, Providence, R. I.

ZAMBARANO, Ubaldo E., M.D.

Superintendent of State Sanitarium at Wallum Lake; born in Providence, June 29, 1899, the son of Gioseppe and Caterina (Martellucci) Zambarano. His father was one of those hard-working pioneers who helped to build the communities of Thornton and Eagle Park.

Dr. Zambarano was educated in the Providence public schools. Following his graduation from Classical High School in 1917, he entered Georgetown University where he attended College and Medical School, graduating in 1924, with the degree of B.Sc., and M.D.

He spent his internship at the Gallinger Municipal Hospital, Washington, D. C. He later was appointed resident physician in the Municipal Tuberculosis Hospital of Detroit, Michigan, where he served two and a half years. He returned to Providence in 1928 at which time he began the private practice of medicine.

In 1929 he was named assistant physician for the Providence Tuberculosis League. For several years he has also served as tuberculosis specialist at Charles V. Chapin Hospital. He is a member of the staff at St. Joseph's Hospital, and is a member of the Rhode Island Medical Society and Malpighi Medical Club.

On July 15, 1939, Dr. Zambarano, recognized as an outstanding authority in the field of tuberculosis, was

appointed Superintendent of State Sanitarium at Wallum Lake.

On July 19, 1924, Dr. Zambarano married Edna V. Branner. They are the parents of the following: 1. Elizabeth Anne; 2. Joyce Katherine.

ZANNINI, Mary Cataldo

Registered Pharmacist; born in New York City, July 2, 1904, the daughter of John and Marianna (Di Blasi) Cataldo, both natives of Alcamo, Province of Trapani, Italy. Her father, a prominent macaroni manufacturer of Westerly, R. I., immigrated to the United States in 1894.

She attended the public schools of Peace Dale, Westerly High School, Pembroke in Brown University and Rhode Island College of Pharmacy, from which she graduated with the degree of Ph.G. in 1928. While at Pembroke she was secretary of Dante Club. After completing her studies, she held responsible positions with many leading drug stores. In 1933 she became the proprietor of South County Pharmacy, at Peace Dale, in which venture she has been highly successful.

She is a former vice president of the Parent-Teachers Association of Peace Dale.

In 1923 she married Carmine Zannini and is the mother of two children: 1. Ursula, a student; 2. Mary Ann, a student. Address: South County Pharmacy, Peace Dale, R. I.



**Fraternal, Musical and
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AURORA CLUB OF RHODE ISLAND

The Aurora Club of Rhode Island was organized in 1931, after several years efforts on the part of Judge Antonio A. Capotosto to establish a club of leading Italo-Americans. The club was formally dedicated on June 6, 1932.

Judge Antonio A. Capotosto, Paul Castiglioni, Aristide B. Cianfarani, Prof. Alfonso De Salvio, Theodore V. Galassi, Louis V. Jackvony, Joseph Mercurio, Edmund M. Mauro, Felix A. Mirando, Vincent Sorrentino, Ralph Tortolani and Raphael Vicario were some of the original charter members.

The present officers of the club are the following: Domenic J. Perri, President; George Mancini, Vice-President; Nicholas Picchione, Treasurer; Michael A. Monti, Secretary. Board of Governors: Vincent Sorrentino, Frank E. Traficante, Alfred De Maris, Edward Argentieri, Marshall D'Am-brosio.

The Aurora Club is at 289 Broadway, Providence, R. I.

AUSONIA CLUB

This club is a new Italo-American organization made up principally of residents of the Mount Pleasant section. It is constituted for the purpose of mutual welfare; to provide for social intercourse, and to promote a finer public spirit.

The Ausonia Club was organized on February 9, 1939. Its present officers are Ugo Gasbarro, President; Oreste Toppi, Vice-President; Charles Moia, Secretary; Augusto Pusateri, Treasurer; John J. Paterra, Financial Secretary. The club is located at 84 Academy Avenue, Providence, R. I.

CIRCOLO CONVIVIO

In 1935 a small group of representative Italian women organized the Circolo Convivio, designed for the dissemination of Italian culture and language. Since its formation the interest and enthusiasm has never lagged, and the fact that the club is very much alive today is due in no small measure to its loyal members.

Successful lectures on great Italian poets and writers have been held monthly by the Circolo Convivio at which acquaintance was made with many fine Italian women from other cities. The social affairs held frequently will long be remembered by all those who attended, as something inspiring and enjoyable.

The Circolo Convivio has a strong list of well-known Italian women. Among the founders are Mrs. Egle Bilotti, Mrs. Maria Colucci, Mrs. Maria Flavia Calabro, Mrs. Maria Cilento, Mrs. Diletta De Luca, Mrs. Marcella D'Itri, Miss Fannie Gatti, Mrs. Lucia E. Leonelli, Miss Elena Marinelli, Mrs. Ida Mori, Mrs. Ernesta Mazzucchelli, Mrs. Maria Pecora, Mrs. Flora Sciotti.

The present officers of the club are the following: Mrs. Ismalia Fiocca, President; Mrs. Ernesta Mazzucchelli, Vice-President; Mrs. Lucia E. Leonelli, Secretary; Mrs. Maria Ricci, Treasurer. Mrs. Egle Bilotti, honorary president; Mrs. Maria Colucci, honorary member.

The promotion of the study of the Italian language and literature is always the club's first consideration and it is lending its aid in every way possible that will bring credit to itself and the cultural movement in general.

DANTE ALIGHIERI SCHOOL OF ITALIAN LANGUAGE

The Dante Alighieri School of Italian Language has had a very active and unusual history. It was first founded in 1916 for the purpose of teaching the Italian language to young Italians who were obliged to work for a living, or had been unable to acquire an education of the language of their forefathers. After a few years the school ceased to exist. It was reopened in 1920, but it discontinued its work for lack of funds. Domenico Lombardi, who understood from experience the aspirations and needs of our young Italo-Americans, reorganized the school in January, 1936, under the auspices of the Loggia Dante Alighieri, an Italian fraternal society.

Mr. Lombardi's unique method of teaching has proven overwhelmingly successful. The remarkable success of its pupils have given Dante Alighieri School a state-wide reputation as a training school for young Italo-Americans who desire to acquire or improve their knowledge of Italian. It has become the largest school of its kind. It is supported by contributions by public-spirited Italo-Americans. In 1940 it had four teachers and a total attendance of 250 young people.

DOMENICO LOMBARDI, Director of the Dante Alighieri School of Italian Language, was born in San Martino Valle Caudina, Province of Avellino, Italy, May 17, 1894, the son of Francesco and Antonietta (Masi) Lombardi. He pursued his classical studies at the Royal Lyceum "Pietro Giannone," in Benevento. He immigrated to the United States in 1912, settling in Providence. An untiring expounder of Italian culture, he has made his home in this city ever since.

GLORIA LODGE, ORDER SONS OF ITALY

Among Italo-American women's fraternal, beneficial and cultural societies, Loggia Gloria, Order Sons of Italy, stands out prominently, numerically, financially, and fraternally. It was organized on July 10, 1921.

It is the second women's unit of the Order Sons of Italy established in Providence. Some of those who were privileged to have been founders of Loggia Gloria were: Mrs. Vito N. Famiglietti, Mrs. Emilia Fontana, Mrs. Filomena Vitale, Mrs. Maria Colucci, Mrs. Ida Mori, Miss Irma Mori, Mrs. Lucia Mangiante, Mrs. Ida Mangiante, Mrs. Elena Gonnella, Mrs. Concetta Giannotti, Mrs. Elvira Graziano, Mrs. Lucia Cubellis, Mrs. Macrina Corbi, Mrs. Giovannina Cianciarulo, Mrs. Maria Storti, Miss Autilia Corbi, Miss Nora Storti, Miss Adele Gonnella, Miss Calabrese, Mrs. Calabrese, Mrs. Sadie Calabrese, Mrs. Vittoria Carrozza. Deceased founders are: Mrs. Rosina Lauria, Mrs. Maria Carmine Storti, Mrs. Agnese Nuttini, Mrs. Filomena Paolucci, Mrs. Giovannina Di Matteo, Mrs. Etta Del Sesto.

Besides Mrs. Calabro the present officers are: Assistant Venerable, Mrs. Ida Mori; ex-Venerable, Mrs. Filomena Vitale; Orator, Mrs. Flora Sciotti; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Diletta De Luca; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Lucia Mangiante; Treasurer, Mrs. Lucia Leonelli. Trustees: Miss Irma Mori, Mrs. Emilia Fontana, Mrs. Lucia Paterra, Mrs. Anna Rosa and Mrs. Maria De Simone; "Cerimoniieri," Mrs. Grazia Fiore, and Mrs. Maria Grilli. Official sick visiting Committee, Mrs. Cristina Pagnano and Mrs. Margherita Morelli; Physician, Dr. Lawrence A. Mori; Grand Deputy, Dr. Ciro Scotti; Delegates to the Convention, Mrs. Maria Flavia

Calabro, Mrs. Filomena Vitale and Mrs. Emilia Fontana.

Besides its Honorary Venerable Loggie Gloria has named Mrs. Mariano Vervena "Sorella Benemerita," and Mrs. Raffaele De Angelis Honorary Member.

The purposes which led to the formation of Lodge Gloria are thus referred to by Mrs. Maria Flavia Calabro, its energetic and able Venerable: "First, to take an active part in all activities designed to keep alive memories of our Fatherland. Second, the promotion of Italian culture. Third, to share community obligations for our countrymen, for the Red Cross, for the crippled and needy, for education and for the Community Fund." "Italy," continued Mrs. Calabro, "is the cradle of culture and civilization. The United States is the cradle of liberty that we all enjoy. We shall dedicate ourselves in promoting these noble ideals."

From a small beginning Lodge Gloria has grown numerically and financially until it is now one of the strongest among the Sons of Italy. Its membership is 125 Italo-American women. It has paid thousands of dollars in sick benefits, as well as in death benefits to families of deceased members. This splendid women's organization is the centre of numerous and varied activities, all designed to advance and promote the moral and intellectual improvement of its members and fostering among them a true spirit of Americanism.

Among those who have served Loggia Gloria as Venerables are: Mrs. Vito N. Famiglietti, Mrs. Filomena Vitale, Mrs. Maria Colucci, Mrs. Maria Cilento, Mrs. Egle Biloti, Mrs. Maria Pecora, Mrs. Maria Flavia Calabro. The present Venerable, Mrs. Maria Flavia Calabro, now in her second term, ably carries

on the traditions and work laid out by her predecessors.

ITALO-AMERICAN CLUB OF RHODE ISLAND

This club owes its existence to the desire of a few public-spirited Italo-Americans to create a social and literary organization for the purpose of keeping alive memories of their mother country and at the same time promote a spirit of fraternal understanding and cooperation among its members. It is the oldest Italo-American Club in Rhode Island. It was organized on March 8, 1899. Its charter members were Henry Caproni, Rinaldo Castiglioni, Gaudenzio Gasperi, Vincenzo Giusti, Ottavio Batastini, Antonio E. Vota.

Its present officers are: John O. Pastore, President; Robert C. Laurelli, Vice-President; Edmund J. Carlone, Treasurer. Members of the board of directors: Louis W. Cappelli, Dr. Lawrence A. Mori, Dr. Charles A. Spacagna, Dr. Alfred A. Caldarone, Ralph Destino and Vincent Vespia.

The Italo-American Club is at 256 Broadway.

ITALO-AMERICAN PRESS AND NEWSPAPERMEN

In an old house still standing on Spruce Street, "L'Aurora," the first Italian weekly newspaper in Providence was born during the winter months of 1895-1896. It was sponsored by Michele Pesaturo, then Royal Italian Consular Representative. This short-lived newspaper was followed by "L'Aurora Novella," also sponsored by Michele Pesaturo, and its editor was Alfonso La Ricca, of Mignano, Italy. This paper lived a few months in the first half of 1896. Its printer was the late Federico Curzio.

In October, 1897, Mr. Curzio, who had worked as a printer for many old-time Italian newspapers in New York, began publication of "L'Eco Del Rhode Island. This weekly paper has victoriously survived all vicissitudes and became the only Italian paper in Rhode Island. It was sold by the late Mr. Curzio some few years ago. Under its new ownership the paper was written in both the Italian and English languages. During the past seven years, Vincenzo De Orchis, its Italian editor, maintained a general supervision both editorial and otherwise. Louis M. Picerno, had charge of the printing department, and Carlo Costantino had charge of its circulation.

On January 15, 1940, Vincent Sorrentino became the owner of this old weekly Italian paper. In June, 1940, he changed the name from the "Italian Echo" to "Rhode Island Echo, and at the same time appointed Franco Lalli of New York City, as its managing editor, and Alexander Bevilacqua, as editor of the English section.

"The Rhode Island Echo," as it now appears, under the inspiring leadership of Vincent Sorrentino, assures the community of one of the largest and best-equipped weekly newspapers in the country.

Another weekly paper is "The Italo-American Tribune," published in both Italian and English. Its owner is Antonio Pace.

There have been other Italian weekly papers: "La Liberta," founded in 1902 by V. Talamini, was discontinued in 1922. "Il Corriere," a tiny daily paper, founded in 1908, lasted just one week. "Done Abbondio," a humorous weekly paper written by Gennaro Fico, lived for a few months in 1909.

The first Italo-American to enter

American journalism was the late Henry C. Salandri. He worked for the Providence Journal, the Providence News and for Boston papers. He died in 1920.

Besides Alexander Bevilacqua (Drinkwater), now with the "Rhode Island Echo," other young Rhode Islanders of Italian descent who have been able to enter the complex field of American journalism are Arthur P. Famiglietti, Philip E. Gravalese and Carmine Maisano, with the Providence Journal and Evening Bulletin; A. Alfred Marcello, at present with the Worcester Telegram; Nicholas Ruggieri, with the Pawtucket Times.

ITALIAN GROCERY AND MARKETMEN'S ASS'N

This association was founded in 1933. The object of the Italian Grocery & Marketmen's Association shall be to advance the welfare of its members, to foster among them a true cooperative spirit, to encourage the study of business conditions that may be needed for their mutual advantage and common prosperity to provide frequent social intercourse and to promote a finer public spirit.

The officers of the association are the following: Gaetano D. Del Rossi, President; Simone Giordano, Secretary; Carlo Battista, Secretary; Costantino Feola, Treasurer.

Members: Serafino Andreozzi, Comincio Ciccarone, Leonardo Capocci, Giuseppe De Fiore, Antonio D'Antuono, Raffaele Della Rosa, Gaetano D. Del Rossi, Costantino Feola, Angelo Giacchi, Bartolo Giacchi, Giuseppe Golato, Giovangiacoimo Gianfrancesco, Raffaele Guglielmino, Simone Giordano, Angelo Mosca, Salvatore Pullano, Michael Paolino, Nicola Santangini, Francesco Stroschio, Raffaele Zito.

**ITALIAN WORLD WAR VET-
ERANS ASSOCIATION IN
THE U. S. A., INC.,
PROVIDENCE BRANCH**

On May 24, 1921, the date marking the entrance of Italy into the World War, Captain Martella, with the cooperation of a few veterans was able to hold the first meeting of the Italian World War Veterans Association, Providence Branch, at Jackvony Hall on Charles Street in the North End section. Besides Captain Angelo Martella who originated the campaign in its initial phase, others who likewise took a leading part in its following movement were Dr. Giovanni Senerchia of Natick, a lieutenant in the reserve medical corps; lieutenant aviator Leo Leone, at present residing in New Jersey; comrades Loreto L'Europa, Adolfo Delfino, Eugenio Macari, Bartolomeo De Cristofaro, sergeant Francesco Bellucci, Nicola Accinni, the deceased sergeant Carlo De Quattro and others. The movement spread to Federal Hill, the greatest center of Italian activities in Rhode Island. Subsequent meetings were held with increasing interest, until the organization took definite form at a meeting held in June, 1922, at Sarubi Hall on Brayton Avenue. Regular meetings were held and the membership increased as the work of its founders became known.

Meanwhile other organizations of Italian War Veterans were formed throughout the United States. Eventually a Federation of Italian War Veterans in the United States was organized in New York City in 1926. The Providence Branch of the Italian World War Veterans Association was one of the first to join the federation which now includes 92 branches scattered throughout the Italian centres in the United States.

Those who headed the Providence Branch of the Italian World War Veterans Association were Captain Angelo Martella, Lieut. Antonio Pace, Civil Engineer Erminio Migliori, Vincenzo Lentini and Dante Zainetti. In 1932, Captain Martella was re-elected President of this patriotic organization, and has continuously filled the office ever since.

The present board of managers is made up of the following: Captain Angelo Martella, President; Vincenzo Lentini, Vice-President; Bartolomeo De Cristofaro, Financial Secretary; Gennaro Aloia, Corresponding Secretary; Francesco Pirozzi, member. Dr. Vincenzo Verderosa, Royal Vice Consul of Italy in Providence, honorary member.

In its twenty years of existence this association has kept alive the torch of patriotism, conforming themselves to the duties which they owe towards their adopted country, the United States of America.

In October, 1939, the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Italian War Veterans Association was organized through the zealous and sincere efforts of Mrs. Italia Martella and Mrs. Josephine D'Ambra. In November, 1939, the Ladies' Auxiliary was officially inaugurated by the Marquis Carlo De Costantin, Royal Consul General of Italy in Boston.

The principles of the Italian Ladies' Auxiliary are similar in scope to those of the Italian War Veterans, to whom they wholeheartedly give their invaluable moral and financial support.

Objects and purposes of the Federation of the Italian World War Veterans in the United States of America, Inc.:

1. To maintain and continue among its members the ties of comradeship and fraternity which have bound them together during the recent World War.

2. To commemorate those who have made the supreme sacrifice in the great cause for which the World War was fought and to rever the memory of those comrades who died fighting for their country, and to perpetuate the achievements of the heroic dead.

3. To aid and assist voluntarily in every possible way its members who are in need of moral and material support.

4. To co-operate with American and other World War Veteran's associations and patriotic, charitable and welfare agencies toward the advancement and accomplishment of the purposes of this Corporation.

5. To establish and strengthen ties of brotherhood and friendship between the Italians and the Americans, and more especially between the war veterans of Italy and those of the United States.

6. To promote a better understanding of the ideals and traditions of the Italian people by and through a just appreciation of their historical, artistic, industrial, commercial and sportive values, particularly by children of Italian parentage residing in the United States.

7. To foster and perpetuate international good-will in the interest of world peace.

8. To encourage the study of the English language among its members and that of the Italian among their children.

9. To honor, defend and protect organized government and society and to encourage and promote devotion to the principles of good government, law and order, and a fealty and obedience to the institutions of this country and the safeguarding of the friendliest and most sympathetic relations among the members of the human family.

LODGE DR. MARIA MONTESSORI

The first Italian women's fraternal society to be organized in Rhode Island, was founded on October 29, 1916, by Luigi Cipolla, Pasqualina Verdi, Vincenza Orabona, Rosina Laudati, Enrichetta Indeglia, Rosina Cipolla, Carmela Di Biasi, Giovanna Prignano, Angiolina Flori, Virginia Cipolla, Amelia Schettini, Maria Verdicoia, Antonetta De Angelis, Nellie La Fazia, Lina Colletti, Costanza Letieri, all of the Silver Lake section of the City of Providence.

The object of the society is to promote the moral and cultural progress of its members and the advancement of the Italo-Americans, especially in those affecting the welfare of the Italo-Americans of the Silver Lake section.

The first meeting of this society was held at Piave Hall, in 1916, in the presence of Dr. Antonio Fidanza, who, since its incorporation has been the society physician.

Through the medium of this society much good is being done among the Italians of Silver Lake. It actively co-operates in raising funds for the Red Cross, for the Community Fund and for all worthy causes. Its membership now totals about sixty Italo-American women.

During nearly twenty-four years of existence the Lodge Dr. Maria Montessori has had six venerables. They have been the following: Rosina Laudati, Enrichetta Indeglia, Adelina Castagnacci, Elena Vona, Louise Nardolillo, Carmela Zompa.

The officers of this society are the following: Carmela Zompa, venerable since 1936; Vincenza Melei, assistant venerable; Louise Nardolillo, ex-venerable; Maria Vessella, treasurer; Maria Coia, recording secretary; Carmela Capaldo, corresponding secretary; Antonetta Tirocchi, lecturer.

Trustees: Elena Vona, Adelina Castagnacci, Assunta Loffredo, Antonetta De Fusco. Attendants: Mrs. Isabella Forio, Miss Angelina Melei. Costanza Lettieri, sanitary committee; Luisa Cerbo, doorkeeper.

The Lodge Dr. Maria Montessori includes many of the leading and progressive women of the Silver Lake district. The many charitable, social, religious and patriotic activities of their society have given it a firm hold on the affections of the people of Silver Lake.

CARMELA ZOMPA, venerable of the Lodge Dr. Maria Montessori, and well-known civic and fraternal worker, was born in Vairano Patenora, Province of Naples, Italy, the daughter of Antonio and Pasqualina (De Tora) Porcelli. She attended the public schools of her native town. In 1898 she was brought to this country by her mother to join her father in Providence.

Throughout her long residence in the Silver Lake section she has been one of the foremost in promoting civic, social, fraternal and patriotic activities among Italians. Active in religious work, she is a zealous worker of St. Bartolomeo Church. Since 1936 she has been venerable of Lodge Dottoressa Maria Montessori, Order Sons of Italy.

On August 14, 1904, she married Raffaele Zompa. They are the parents of one child: Mrs. Maria Benedetti.

VINCENZA (Lancia) MELEI, assistant venerable, Lodge Dr. Maria Montessori, was born in Pontecorvo, Province of Frosinone, Italy, August 15, 1888, the daughter of Giuseppe and Angelina Lancia. Educated at the Diocesan Monastery of Pontecorvo. Married Antonio Melei, 1909. In the United States since 1910. Children: 1. Mrs. Francesca Charette; 2. David; 3. Albert; 4. Angelina. For fifteen years conducted a dry

goods store in Providence. President of Societa Femminile San Giovanni Batista di Pontecorvo. Former lecturer and now assistant venerable, Lodge Dr. Maria Montessori, Order Sons of Italy. Very active in raising funds for the Red Cross and community work in the Silver Lake section. Also active member of many other fraternal women's organizations.

THE NEW ENGLAND OPERA COMPANY OF PROVIDENCE

The New England Opera Company is the first organization of its kind in Rhode Island. It was founded by Maestro Danilo Sciotti, who felt that a great cultural and industrial center like Providence needed a musical organization of the highest order for the promotion of grand opera.

The New England Opera Company is a non-profit musical organization and its management is in the hands of an artistic director and an executive committee from representative citizens of Providence and its surrounding communities. These include leaders in musical activity as well as business and professional men who appreciate the cultural value of music in general and grand operas in particular.

The performances given by the company in Providence under the leadership of Maestro Danilo Sciotti, have served to establish its reputation for grand opera in the city, both for quality of presentation and attendance.

The executive committee is made up of the following: Maestro Danilo Sciotti, Artistic Director; Professor F. Foster Damon, Vincent Sorrentino, Honorary Chairmen; Judge Luigi De Pasquale, President; Ada Holding Miller, Vice-President; John F. D'Errico, Vice-President; Charles H. Eden, Treasurer; Anthony Cimino, Secretary; Minnie C. Carpenter, Judge Stephen J. Casey, Nathan Perlman, Directors.

LOGGIA BEATRICE PORTINARI

Order Sons of Italy, was organized in 1933 by a group of young women of the North End section of Providence. It is the first Italo-American women's organization to be formed in that section. It endeavors to provide literary and social entertainment, help to preserve memories of their mother country, and inculcate American ideals of citizenship among its members.

The early founders were Elda Cimorelli, Palma Cimorelli, Bernice LePore, Nicolina Lepore, Ida Leone, Edith Leone, Etta Leone, Ursula Mancini, Clara Parrillo, Emma Ricciardi, Tina Ricciardi.

Miss Ursula Mancini has been venerable of this splendid organization of young Italo-American women since it was organized. Its membership now totals 36 young women, all members of prominent families of the North End section.

The trustess of the Loggia Beatrice Portinari are the following: Carmela Famiglietti, Camille Albanese; Mary Viti, Mrs. Lillian Testa, Mrs. Clara Pazienza.

The officers of this organization are the following: Ursula Mancini, Venerable; Bernice Lepore, Assistant Venerable; Elvira Lautieri, Recording Secretary; Mary De Marco, Financial Secretary; Mrs. Armand Famiglietti, Treasurer; Mrs. Tina Ricciardi Zinno, Lecturer.

RHODE ISLAND COUNCIL OF ITALIAN WOMEN

The formation of the Rhode Island Council of Italian Women is due to the initiative and enthusiasm of Mr. Nellie M. Marrocco, a practical idealist—a worker for the uplifting of human suffering. It was founded on March 31, 1931. The group of Italo-American women who appeared with

Mrs. Marrocco as initial founders consisted of Mrs. Augusto Marsella, Mrs. Anthony Sanchirico, Mrs. Anthony Testa, Mrs. John Notte, Sr., Mrs. Alfredo Pattera, Mrs. Michael J. Denardo, Mrs. Albert Esposito, Mrs. Anna L. Bevilacqua, Mrs. Grace Lambiase, Miss Lillian Cipriano (now Mrs. Carl Testa), Mrs. Stanley H. Gilmore, Miss Natalie Verdi, Mrs. Danny Pascone, Mrs. Ugo Riccio, Miss Joanna Lombardi, Mrs. Santa Lombardi, Mrs. Adelina Saulino, Mrs. Herbert Spears.

The Rhode Island Council of Italian Women was organized for the purpose of promoting a better understanding between foreign-born parents and American-born children; to raise the standards of home life; to encourage a closer fellowship with American-born of other nationalities; to promote a greater unity of thought and purpose and nobler accomplishments; to further the best interests of the Italians in spiritual endeavor, culture, education, philanthropy, civics and to co-ordinate its activities with existing community welfare progress. This council is non-political and non-sectarian.

The officers of the Rhode Island Council of Italian Women are the following: Mrs. Ralph Di Leone, President; Miss Anna M. Caruolo, Vice-President; Mrs. Vincent Ciani, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Gennaro Lanifero, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Fred Detoro, Treasurer. Mrs. Vincent Sorrentino, honorary member.

Under its previous administration, Mrs. Robert E. Durante, was President; and Mrs. Rosella Granieri, was Corresponding Secretary.

The Rhode Island Council of Italian Women is the only Italian organization which is affiliated with the State Federation of Women's Clubs of Rhode Island.

The members of the Rhode Island Council of Italian Women are the fol-

lowin: Mrs. Fred Baldoni, Mrs. Ernest Capobianco, Mrs. Lillian Caioia, Mrs. Bartolo Catanzaro, Mrs. Anna Cianci, Mrs. Vincent Cianci, Miss Lillian Cianci, Mrs. Robert Durante, Mrs. Fred Detoro, Mrs. Joseph Errico, Mrs. Anna Esposito, Mrs. Armand Famiglietti, Mrs. Helen Giusti, Mrs. Amelia Giusti, Mrs. Peter Granieri, Mrs. Angela Imperatore, Mrs. Ralph Imperatore, Mrs. B. G. De Fusco, Mrs. John Di Leone, Mrs. Ralph Di Leone, Mrs. Salvatore De Simone, Mrs. Gennaro D'Ambra, Mrs. Joseph Di Chiaro, Mrs. Louis Caione, Mrs. John Ciccone, Miss Anna Caruolo, Mrs. Lucia Leonelli, Mrs. Roger Laudati, Mrs. Gennaro Lanifero, Mrs. Augustus Marsella, Mrs. Edna Mazzucchelli, Mrs. Anthony Sanchirico, Mrs. Katie Scampoli, Mrs. Augustus St. Angelo, Miss Anna Zammarelli and others. Mrs. Salvatore Marrocco, honorary president. Mrs. Vincent Sorrentino, honorary member.

ORDER SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA

This is a strictly Italian fraternal organization, the most influential in the United States. It has lodges in seventeen states. The Order, founded in New York in 1905 as a mutual aid society, provides sick and death benefits, in addition to the promotion of the Italian language and other cultural and charitable activities.

The Grand Lodge of Rhode Island was organized in 1914. It is constituted by 32 lodges.

The officers of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, Order Sons of Italy, are the following: Luigi Scala, Grand Venerable; Augusto Marsella, Ex-Grand Venerable; Domenico Di Napoli, Grand Orator; Luigi Conti, Grand Recording Secretary; Adamo R. Aiello, Grand Financial Secretary;

Arcangelo Penza, Grand Treasurer; Thomas J. Paolino, John Di Libero, James Morelli, Mrs. Filomena Vitale, Providence; Leo Turicchi, Pawtucket; Dante Pirani, Woonsocket; Guido Marcucci, Newport; Giuseppe Perrone, Bristol; Atansio Grasso, Westerly.

UNITAS CATHOLIC CLUB

Unitas Catholic Club came into being in 1934 as an organization dependent upon the local conference of St. Vincenzo dei Paoli. It became entirely independent in 1937. The purpose of the club is now purely social.

Dr. Antonio G. Fidanza was president from 1934 to 1936. Dr. Vincent A. Cianci was president from 1937 to 1938. The present administration is the following: Domenico Paolantonio, President; James Moretti, Vice-President; Giuseppe Campopiano, Secretary; Joseph Mansolillo, Treasurer.

Unitas Catholic Club is located at 317 Laurel Hill Avenue. Its membership is composed mainly of residents of the Silver Lake and Laurel Hill Avenue sections.

SOCIETY VITTORIO EMANUELE III

This society was organized on August 26, 1905, by a group of patriotic and sturdy Italians of the North End section of Providence, with the approval of the Royal Italian consular authorities. It endeavors to provide for the mutual and moral aid of its members, and to help them to preserve memories of their mother country and at the same time promote American ideals of citizenship.

The early founders were the following: Giovannino Bucci, Antonio

Vettese, Ernesto Acciaioli, Antonio Acciaioli, Giovanni Bucci, Vincenzo Bucci, Eugenio Porcelli, Antonio Pascale, Pietro Pascale, Gabriele Prete, Pietro Bucci, Giambattista Integlia, Carmine Integlia, Angelo Pascale, Antonio Silvestro, Michele Vettese, Nicandro Matteo, Vittore Silvestro, Nicandro Pascale, Giovanni Pascale, Gabriele di Giovanni, Silvestro D'Agostino, Nicandro Prete.

Among the chief benefactors is Ernesto Acciaioli, at present treasurer of the association, who besides being one of the founders, has held the office of president for twenty years. Under his able guidance the society has developed into one of the strongest Italian mutual benefit societies of the North End. A society service award in the form of a gold medal was conferred upon Ernesto Acciaioli in 1912, for his outstanding contributions and untiring efforts in advancing the welfare of the association. A brother of Mr. Acciaioli was the late Pietro Acciaioli, one of the most loyal and active members of the organization.

The officers of the society Vittorio Emanuele III are the following: Vincent Bucci, President; Eugenio Acciaioli, Vice-President; Antonio Matteo, Recording Secretary; Ernesto Verrecchia, Financial Secretary; Ernesto Acciaioli, Treasurer. Examiners

of Accounts: Nicandro Matteo and Andrea Iannetta. Executive Committee: Angelo Acciaioli, Pietro Matteo, Giovanni Pascale, Pasquale Iannetta, Antonio Bucci, Andrea Bucci. Flag Bearers: Giuseppe Ricci, Domenico Antonio Porcelli. Marshal, Antonio Matteo; Vice-Marshal, Giustino Acciaioli; Physician, Dr. Tito Angeloni.

The Society Vittorio Emanuele III is located at 790 Charles Street, Providence, R. I.

YOUNG ITALIAN IMPERIAL CLUB

This popular social organization, one of the oldest among Italo-Americans, was organized on August 24, 1902. Its founders were Joseph Cappalli, Nicholas Detato, Thomas Mangione, John Notte, Henry Russillo, Nicholas Russillo, Anthony Stella, Lew Tasca, Nicholas Di Nucci.

Its present officers are the following: Carlo Ciasullo, President; Anthony Forlasto, Vice-President; Primo Ciasullo, Secretary; Davide Ciancio, Treasurer; Peter Boscio, Rosario Baddessa, Antonio Caraccia, Trustees; Thomas Iannuccillo, Chief Marshal.

The Young Italian Imperial Club is located at 459 Broadway, Providence, R. I.

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**EXCERPTS FROM COMMENT ON UBALDO U. M. PESATURO'S WORK
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..... Pursuing the history of the earliest immigration of Italians to the State, Mr. Pesaturo has contrived to cover his field fully. Not only those of Italian descent but others as well may read the book with the deepest interest. It concerns all, of whatever origin or persuasion.

—Providence Sunday Journal, January 17, 1937.

..... I certainly feel that the work you have done is a most valuable contribution to the history of the State, and as time goes on your work will be more and more appreciated. It will be of great help to future research students on the subject.

—Howard M. Chapin, Librarian, Rhode Island Historical Society, May 6, 1937.

..... Congratulations for your very fine book "Italo-Americans of Rhode Island." These Rhode Islanders of Italian birth or descent have given a noteworthy contribution to the life of our State. As American citizens they have proved themselves true to the highest American ideals, while always remaining worthy of their magnificent Italian background. You have made all this clear in your book and thereby you have contributed a valuable chapter to the history of this State.

—Prof. A. De Salvio, Brown University, May 27, 1937.

..... Your work represents a great deal of labor and I am sure you must feel rewarded for it by the successful completion of the account of the activities of the citizens of Rhode Island who are of Italian descent. The collection of their individual accomplishments into a single volume is a fine tribute and a worthy record of their contribution to the civic life of their state.

—Rev. F. S. Fanning, O.P., Librarian, Providence College, February 19, 1938.

..... All Italo-Americans will find in your book a magnificent treasure-house of recorded activities and accomplishments, and will draw from the sacrifices, labors and honesty of their fathers shining examples which will spur them in furthering their contributions in the development and progress of the State. Furthermore, your book will undoubtedly enable all the peoples of America to acquire a better knowledge on the marvelous contributions and achievements of Rhode Islanders of Italian birth or descent.

—Dr. V. Verderosa, Regent Royal Italian Vice Consulate, Providence, R. I.
October 26, 1936.

..... Ubaldo U. M. Pesaturo seems to be thoroughly acquainted with the history of Italian immigration to the United States. His book Italo-Americans of Rhode Island is worthy to be placed in every library of those who are following the progress of our immigrants in the great American Republic.

"Il Mattino," Naples. October 6, 1937.





